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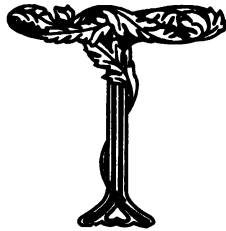
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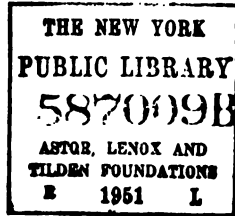
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To My Mother



FOREWORD

It is with pleasure mingled with apprehension that I introduce to you Stubby Jenks, providing you have not already met him. I say pleasure because I'm trusting he will amuse you; apprehension because I fear for his conduct while in your presence.

Stubby Jenks is a 101 per cent boy. His Paw says he has more bad points than he has freckles on his nose—I'm glad the photographer was a good one and the freckles didn't show. His Paw also says Stubby will escape hanging only because the electric chair has come into popularity.

His sister, Mary Ellen, says he is a fiend and his daily misbehavior should bring a blush of shame to his soap-shining countenance.

What Mary Ellen's fellow, White Pants, has to say when discussing Stubby we will not mention just now. It is very direct and to the point.

His Aunt Aggie, a victim of nerves, neuralgia and New England upbringing, is quite set in her opinion that Samuel, (which is his Sunday name), is all the world's iniquity boiled down and composed in one ordinary-looking boy, just as the funny little soup cubes she uses contain the essence of a whole bowl of soup.

Stubby's Maw and his dog Snicker, without saying so, share the opinion that there is some little

good in the urchin. The only difference is that when Stubby is good his dog gives him credit for it, but his Maw looks for the reason. She has suspicions, and they are usually justified.

For a young man of talents it is too bad that he is, as his Maw says, such a scandalous speller. Miss Tinkle, his teacher, does her best from day to day, but the days are not long enough.

Stubby long ago learned that girls are one of the things that are the matter with the world, the possible exception being Miss Soffie Wingate, aged 11, wearing a large bow in her hair and living just around the corner.

This Jenks boy, by the way, is the chief of a blood-thirsty and very desperate band of pirates, by name "The Bloody Aters," so called not because they ever ate anybody, but because they are eight in number. The gang—I mean the band—is composed of Captain Jenks, Lieutenant Red O'Brien, and Lem, Piggy, Elmer, Squirrely, Harvey and Skinny, sailors before the mast. Ashore, and with the addition of Snowball White, who is as black as his name sounds fair, "The Bloody Aters" become "The Yung Red Socks," the terrors of the juvenile diamond.

But let's ask Stubby to tell about these things himself.

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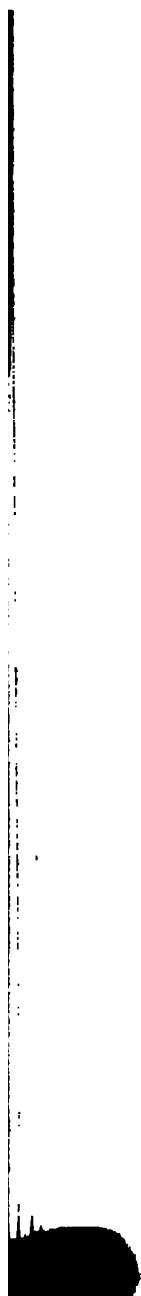
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APPLE PIE AND ANGELS

Maw jest Baked a lot of Appel Pies and i gess you wisht you lived at our House dont you. i had a Peace for Dinner and it wuz a Corter, which is a Haff of a Haff, and makes a pertty Good bit.

Everytime we got Appel Pie Paw sets down to the Tabel and he sez well well well Appel Pie for Dinner the World aint such a bad Place after all. and then when he eats his Peace he always sez to Maw, he sez Ellen this hear Lad eat my Pie when i wuzzent lookin and i gess youll have to serve a nother Peace at this Place. and Maw sez well its bad enuff when Fokes is Plane Pigs but if they own up to it why it aint so Bad but when they pertend they aint why they ott to be Ashamed of theirselves. and Paw will say Yes thats what im always tryin to Teach Stub but he cant seam to see it.


Appel Pie is jest about the thing im Fondest of. even Aunt Aggie likes Appel Pie and eats it Dispepsha or no Dispepsha. most of the time Aunt Aggie eats Crackers and them kinda Carefull Things so she wont get Indejestun but when we got Appel Pie jest like Pew sez she gives it a Whirl.

When Appel Pie is Served wti h Ice Cream on top of it why its called Appel Pie a lay mud, which i gess the reazon for that is it gets kinda Muddy and Messy on yure Plate from Mixen the 2 Together, but mine is never on the Plate long enuff to get Messy. i dont beleave in this hear way of Talken so much when you eat, and takin a Bite and holden it out on the Fork for a cuppel of Minnets while you say if Misses Joneses new Dress is

Red or if it is Green and ask Sumbuddy who it wuz they sed wuz Gettin Married and all that Stuff. if People want to Talk they ott to go in the Sitten Room and Talk but when Pie and things like that their is around to be et, why a Buddy ott to eat them and never mind what made Mister Wlilyums Sick and how maney new Tooths the Simkins Baby is got.

I dont kno if Angels eat or if they dont but if they do i bet most of the Time they eat Appel Pie, becauze it stands up to Reazon as Paw sez, if a Angel is a Angel they can have aneything they want and when Aneybuddy can have aneything they want why they wud be crazie if they diddent want Pie and Angels aint crazie or they wuddent be Angels, so i gess thats what they eat all rite.

Mebbie they dont eat it all the Time. i suppose mebbie they eat a littel Ice Cream and sum Water Mellin and mebbie a few Chocklit Drops, and o yes, i gess they eat sum Angel Food Cake every onct in a while becauze thats whear its Name cum frum, but most of the Time i bet they eat Appel Pie and i dont blame them a bit do you.




HOUSE CLEANING

Well, we are cleanin House up to our House and gee Whiz you ott to see it. Paw sez he aint set on a Chair and had a Meal like a Human Bein for a full week and hes bin livin on Emergency Rashuns till he duzzent know their is aneything to eat left in the World excep Fride Eggs and Cheeze.

Cleanin House is a grate Occashun which is held in the spring and in the Fall and is grately Injoyed by Wimmen Folks but makes Men kinda Discusted, which you cant blame them much for, becauze there libbel to find there Neck Tie in a Bole of Soup and their Sunday Shoes down in the Celler on top of the Furnice or some place, and they got to Beet Carpits and Clean wall Paper and help fix Blinds and Curtins and all like that, till they wish they wuz sick in Bed or sumthing so they wuddent haff to do it.

Paw sez 2 Moves mite be as bad as a Fire but he sez one House cleanin is as bad as a Hurry Cane, which you konw is a turribel wind which blows Coal Sheds up on top of Church Steepels and all like that. Paw sez in the last weak hes begged the Step Ladders Parden 10 times for bumpin into it, and hes pounded his fingers with the Hammer so often that the ends of them looks like Shamrocks, which you know is a kinda Flower Saint Patrick chased the Snakes out of Ierland with. and Paw sez hes rubbed that Chewin Gum that comes in Cans over the Walls till hes broke every Bone in his Back and his Arms jest hang limp like wet Socks on a Cloze Line. Paw sez if he ever Pulls



thru this Ordeel the Wimmen Folks wont get him Next Spring. he sez along about the time Maw gets restless and begins to sniff and talk about the Dust in the Carpits and Curtins, and how filthy everything is, he sez he is going to throw a Brick threw the big Plate Glass Window down at the First Nashunal bank and get put in Jale for two weeks. Then he sez when he walks out a Free man he can come Home and all the Mischief will be over.

Of coorse Paw is jest foolin, which is the way he does, and he wuddent bust aney Windows a tall, but hes rite about House Cleanin being a very Bad Occashun for the Men, and also the Boys, becauze all i herd for the last Weak is Samuel run down to the Store and get 3 Papers of Tacks and Samuel carry this Scrub Water up to Paws room and Samuel hurry Home after school i have Plentie for You to do. and whats the sense of Beaten Carpits and cleanin things when you cant tell if its bin Done or not, and things looks jest the same as they did before, aint it so. but thats the way Wimmin and Girls is. their two pertickuler, aint it so? and Aneybuddy knows a littel Dirt is good for People and we all got to Eat a Peck every now and then, so whats the differince, aint it so.

MORE HOUSE CLEANING

Yessir as i was sayin Yesturday about House Cleanin it is a grate Unforchune while it lasts which is much two long even if its did in a hurry.

Paw was talkin about it agen last Nite. he sed this House and its Contents is jest like a Bole of First Class Hash and it wont be till along about the Time the Demokrats get in Power agen that things will be Straitend out. he sez our Humbel and Piecefull Home is in the same class as a Baseball Game when the hole 18 Men go out to the Box to give the Empire a littel Fatherly Talk, and the Game still has it on us becauze the Fite is always called on Ackount of Darkness but we here continue in our dire Trubbel and Distress even after the Nite Fall over takes us.

Of Course you know Paw Xaggerates when he sez them kinda Remarks but like Miss Tinkle sez the Morlle is their and he means to show what a grate Unforchune House Cleanin is to Everybuddy xcept the Wimmen who are grate for Persooing Dirt.

Paw sez twict in the last Weak he put Moth Balls in his Tea thinken it was lump Suggester, and he sez jest Yesturday he spread his Pan Cakes with Furnichure Varnish out of a Sawcer which he thot was Molassis. Last Nite he Side a deep Si and sez to Snicker my Dog you are a luckey Mutt but you better hide in the Cole Shed or Maw will have you carryin Messiges between the base of the Operashuns in the Kitchun and the Front line Trenches in the Attick. He sez to Snicker you mite think

your some Barker but i Barked my Shins more in the last Weak than you Barked all your Life.

Paw sez the Game of House Cleanin is much like the Game of War. He sez you Carry On jest like in Battel, for their aint a thing in this hole House i aint Carried On my Shoulders. Paw sez if you got Wound Stripes every time you got injured in Ackshun, he would need to Borrey a cuppel of more Coats to hold all the Stripes on his Sleeves. Paw sez another Similarity is that House Cleanin is War to the Death becauze their aint no Surrender, and he sez you get Promoted two, you start in the Celler and get Promoted frum room to Room until you get to the Attick and Route the last of the Germs and Mikrobes and Dirt, providen you aint Died on the Field of Battel yourself in a hand to hand Incounter with a Step Ladder or a Cook Stove you bin getten Playful with down near the Base of Operashuns.

Yes, Paw sez its grate stuff if you dont Weaken onlie he always is pertty Weak before he starts, but the smell of the Amonia in the air cuppled with the Iron Rshuns he gets while in Ackshun gives him so much pep that hes always Disappointed when the Fray is over and the Smoke of Battel clears away. But he sez the Disappointment never lasts very long.

IMPENDING DISASTER

Well all my Pants has bin fixxed and my Neck Tys prest out flat with the Iron and my Stockuns darnd and i got a new Pare of Shoes and im all reddy to start out to School on Toosday which i aint a bit Happy about.

Paw give me a nother Lechure last Nite at Supper Time about startin the Year rite and tendin to Bizness and carryin all my Books Home and studyen my Branes out and so forth, and he sez he is goin to Watch up my Progress which means how fast yure Goin and i gess ile be goin pertty fast becauze every Time i turn around Miss Tinkle gets after me and its Samuel this hear and Samuel that their and you go rite up and tell the Principle and all that stuff.

Red and me and Squirrillie and Harvey and also Skinney and Lem is goin to be in the same Room agen this Year which is grate luck and helps a Fella pass the Time when he got a lot of Good Scouts from his Gang with him, onlie Miss Tinkle always spreads us around and wuddent let me sit with aney of them Fellas for Aneything. she always puts us far apart jest for Spite and then she makes me sit with Pertty Jones or sum dear little Lizzey like that.

Kids like Pertty Jones had ott to bin Drownded when they wuz littel like Cats with sore Eyes, becauze they aint aney Good. i had to sit with that littel Shrimp with the Specks and pertty Neck Tie a cuppel of Weeks last Year till i pushed him out of the End of the Seat and he Bumped down on the

Floor and started to ball like he wuz 2 Years old. i got kep in and had to do Spechul Sums and a lot of that kind of Punshmint but it wuzzent so bad becauze i got rid of that Sissie and Miss Tinkle made Snowball White sit with me who is a littel Coon and pertty Smart and wud Prompt me every Chance he got which means Wisper the rite Anser to you if you dont kno it which i most Generallie dont.

But it jest shows what a littel Peace of Cheeze that Pertty Jones is. he thinks you ott to do Everything the Teacher sez and never Prompt Aneybuddy or brake aney of the Sissie Rules or aneything. he wuddent tell a Fella aneything if he wuz Dyin, but Snowball White can Wisper out of the Corner of his Mouth and be lookin out of the Winda jest like he wuz Watchin a good Dog Fite or sumthing and he saved me from Stayin in maneys the Time. well i gess ile Close now Wishen the term wuz over insted of jest Startin and hopein You are the same.

THE GREAT FIND

You ott to see the Swell Ring i got which i found down by the Stashun Yesterday an i bet is worth a lot of Money but it jest fits me so i gess ile ware it Myself becauze a Fella ott to have at least one Ring if he wants to have a littel Class to him an i aint got aney, and i aint even got a Watch now on Ackount of loosin my Swell Ingersoll which wuz a pertty good Watch if it wuz wound up twict a Day so it didnt get a Chance to loose two much Time.

So on ackount of me loosin my Watch and not havin aney Julery a tall i wuz pertty Luckie to find this hear Ring and im anxshus to see Soffie Wingate when i got it on becauze she likes Swell things and this is about the Swellest their is becauze the Set is about haff as big as a Commey and its Green which the rite Name for it is an Emerild and it shines fit to Nock yure Eye out.

When i found it Yesturday i showed it to Maw and she thot it wuz Grand but i diddent show it to Paw on ackount of Him mebbie Kidden me about it, which he is grate for doin and when i got that Ingersoll on a Trade he ast me whear i got the Big Ben and ast me which one of my Gang wuz goin to help me carry it back and fourth to School. then he sez ide need a Ford crank to Wind it and a Monkey Rench to set it and all that their kinda Kidden which he diddent mean a tall but wuz jest foolin which is the way Paw is.

So last Nite i diddent say aneything but set up to the table at Supper Time with the Ring on which i wuz afrade to take off on ackount of it bein Valubel

and i mite loose it. Paw diddent notiss it till Supper wuz pertty near over and Suddinly he clapt his Hands over his Eyes and sez Holy Mozes and Maw sez Grashus Henry whats the matter are you Sick and Paw sez look Quick and pointed at my Ring, and then he sez, this Lads bin Pilferin the Crown Jules of sum Royal House, and then he hollered dont hold it out like that or yule Blind me, and then he sez ile haff to Sneak up to that and get the Effect a littel at a Time becauze a Quick look wud Nock my Eye out, and after a bit he ast me to see it, and then he sez O i see now what you got, its the bottom of a Pop Bottel and its set up Beautyfull two, and then Paw went on and kidded about the Ring, and he sez Yung Man you better not Walk out in the Brite Sun with that Irish Head Lite on Yure Hand or yule Blind the Natives and mebbie the Jenkes will be in Cort with a Dammige Soot on there Hands.

I ast Paw what he thot the Ring mite be Worth and he sez well if them kinda Shin Fane Dimonds sell by the Pound that ott to be worth a Hunderd Thouzand eazie, but i hear the Market for Emerilds aint so verie Good now so i gess you cuddent Nock more than about 50 Thouzand out of it, but i gess that will keep the Jenks Familly on eazie Street for a wile.

Paw sez we better burrey it in the Celler to keep it frum gettin Stole and he sez he bets the Sekrit Agents of sum Forin Governmint is lookin for that Gem this verie Minnet but of coorse he is jest foolin and it aint that Valubel.

THE BLOODY ATERS

I bin kinda given you an Ideeas about my Friends and Relashuns so you will know who i mean when i rite about Them, but i diddent menshun aneything about my Pirate Band which is the Bloody Aters and i am the Captin of it.

Red Obrien is my Lootenant and Skinney and Piggey and Lem Jackson and Harvey and all the rest of the Fellas is members. You mite think from the Name mebbie we ate sumthing but we diddent. Yes we did. we eat lots of things, onlie i mean it isent called the Bloody Aters on ackount of that. The reason it is called the Bloody Aters is becauze their is 8 of us and we call it Bloody becauze we are pertty desprit when we are Piratin around and seekin Bootie and all like that, which is what Pirates does, and also pick there Teeths with Daggers and Write every thing in Blood. onlie i gess they dont Write very often, xcept when they Ransum Sum-buddy they Capshured like we did Pertty Jones one time, onlie we diddent get any Ransum, but a good Whalen, which is a grate Humileashun for a Pirate.

You know Pertty Jones is a Boy which is a turribel Sissie and aint in our Gang a tall, becauze bein a Sissie and all like that he aint desprit and bloody enuff for us. He is dressed up all the time and wuddent go in his bare Feet for anything and thinks Storie Books and Birthday partys is the best fun there is. Of course the eatin part of Birthday partys is all rite and a splendid Ideeas but when the Eatin is done its all sed and done as Paw wud

say and the sooner a Fella goes Home the better, becauze Sally Walters and Blind Mans buff is all rite for Girls and Sissies but it aint the kinda sport for Pirates and a fella like me whose the pitcher on our Team which is sum team if i do got to say it Myself. And all the fellers on the Team will tell you what class i got onless mebbie Skinney and Elmer who think they can pitch but they cuddent throw a Curve with a peace of Slate. i got Speed two, and also a grate Spit ball onlie some times the Fellas kick, they say i put two much spit on it and when they hit it with the Bat it flys in their eye, but they otten to Kick becauze when i pitch they dont hit it very offen, and a littel spit in aney-buddys eye wuddent hurt them onless the Pitcher chewed Tobako, which i dont do on ackount of not bein alloud, but espechullie on ackount of gettin sick, which is a worse reason than not bein alloud, aint it so.

Well, i bin kinda beatin under the Bush agen, like Paw wud say. I started off to tell about the Bloody Aters but got side Tracked off to our Team which is the Yung Red Socks, onlie most of the fellas onlie have Common black ones but we had to have a good Name even if we diddent have the rite color of Socks and pants and things, aint it so.

THE FIRST DAY

Well, the Misforchunate thing is happend and the Term started Today and its Good Nite Samuel till next Spring.

Jest like i wuz afrade of, Miss Tinkle is our Teacher agen this Year and she is jest the same as last Year onlie more so. its Samuel this hear and Samuel that their everie Minnet in the Day and yude think their wuzzent Aneybuddy in the Room to Pick on but Samuel, which is the Name of me.

The first day everything wuz all rite and i diddent get Balled out or aneything but of corse School onlie lasted a Hour. all we did wuz get our books and have the Lessuns sined and then we went Home which is the rite way to run a School and the way it ott to be did Every Day. when we first went in me and Skinney set togather back in a Swell Corner whear you cud look out of the Winda and whear the Teacher had to bend her Neck to see you.

Well, like Skinney sez, we diddent aney more than get the Seat Warm till back cum Miss Tinkle lookin kinda stearn, and sez this can never be. she sez 2 Boys mite onlie make a Haff a Boy when it cums to Work but when it cums to Mischeef 2 Boys like you make a Hole Regiment. then she sez Samuel since you bin so Humbel like the Publicken in the Bibel and set back in the last Seat we will now give you the Seat of Onor, and she took me up front and set me rite Square in front of her Desk, then she got Skinney and brung him up

front over on the other Side. mind im in the verie First Seat and all i can see is the Black Bord in front of me and all them Hard Sums which is Rong if their ones that wuz did by me and rite if their did by that their Pertty Jones or sum of them Teachers Pets of Girls. my Gosh Every Time a Questun is ast by Miss Tinkle im the one she looks at Strate in the Eye and it makes me kinda Nervus becauze ez Red Obrien sez she skins a bad eye. but honest i mite as well be sitten on her Lap.

And the Rithmatick we got this Year is Fearce. the Questuns the first Day is hard and you mite kno what they will be like in a Cuppel of Weaks. it will be good Nite Samuel. but if it aint one kind of Trubbel it wud be sum other kind, and if it wuzzent Hard Lessuns mebbie ide have a Jumpin Tooth Ake so whats the Diffrence, aint it so.

MISS TINKLE

I gess mebbie i better tell you a little more about Miss Tinkle who is my Teacher who is a pertty hard one and Diffikult too fool. Skinney sez she can see Four Ways at onct and if their was another Direckshun she could see that one two.

Of corse she has a good bit to Contend with becauze all our Pirate Band of Bloody Aters is in her Room xcept Elmer, who is pertty smart and is in the next Room, and im glad i aint Smart becauze it always looks suspishus, like a Fella wuz a Goodie Boy or a Teachers Pet or something, but i dont need to worrie any, becauze the onlie way Miss Tinkle ever pets me is with a Ruler.

But to get back onto Brass Tacks agen as i wuz sayin about Miss Tinkle, she got a bad Bunch. Besides havin the Bloody Aters she is got seven of our Team of Yung Red Socks, so you can see she got all the Reguler Guys, which is the kind that dont put up their Hand to volintear when Questuns is asked and most generallie dont even know them when it comes there Turn and they are supozed to answer.

Miss Tinkle is grate on Human Nachure and can jest look at a Fella and tell if he knows his Lessun, which he usuallie dont if the Fella is me or Skinney or Red or Squirllie. i dont know if thats the rite way to Spell Squirllie, sumtimes i gess i make a Mistake on them Hard words, but anyhow he is one of us Fellas and the best Tree Climer you ever saw which is the Reason we call him Squirllie. but like i sez before, to get back onto

Brass Tacks agen Miss Tinkle is grate on Human Nachure and Especially Boy Nachure. She is the most Suspishus Person that ever wuz and if a fella studys with his Geograffie stood up in front of him on the Desk she kinda walks slow down the side of the Room lookin out of the Window like their wuz a good Dog Fite or sumthing to see and then she kinda Pussy Foots up the Ile and Bing the first thing you know the Fella gets a Biff on the Head with her Ruler and she takes the Note he is writin or the Pickchures hes lookin at or whatever it is. and if Aneybuddy is got chewin Gum or aneything and jest chews it reel carefull when she aint lookin she will see it anyhow and tell you to come up and spit it in the Waist Basket and then she gives a little Sermon about sum kinda Animals like Cows is got to Chew on a Kud but Human Beeings is supposed to have sum Branes and be Occupied with things of the Mind during the day and jest Eat to live insted of live to Eat like most Boys does.

That shows you what funny Ideas she got, as if Aneybuddy dlddent know a Sower Ball or a hunk of Lickrish was better any Day than a Rithmatick Lemmun, but i gess she got Dispepsha or Brawnkitus or some of them Diseases of the Stumick which you cant eat Candy when you got, so its jest Sower Grapes, which means your mad becauze you cant have things yourself dont you think so.

LITTLE COUSIN EDDY

Littel Eddy who is my littel Cuzin and the worst littel Geezer you ever seen is visiten at our House with his Maw and we wuz all at Church on Sunday and we had him along which we shuddent of did a tall becauze he razed Cane with a Capitel K.

He sit in the Seet between me and his Maw or i mean he wuz suppozed to sit their but he diddent do much sitten. he got down on to the Floor and tride to reach under the Seet and get a Maus Umbrella and pull it under the Seet over to our Side and he hollered when the Man pulled it back agen. and then he lost his Pennie and crawled all around on the Floor lookin for it and Paw give him another one so he wud quit but then he started after the one he lost so he wud have 2 but he diddent find it and Hollered rite out for me to find it for Him.

Then he Climed up on the Back of the Seet in front of us and tride to play with the Ribbens hangin down frum a littel Kids Hat and also tride to pull one of the Buttons off this littel Kids Maws Coat. and when the Culleckshun Box wuz past around the Man had to jerk it quick becauze littel Eddy tride to Grab it and reach in and get a Hand Full of Munney which he thot they wuz passin around insted of gettin frum Peepil, and it made him mad and he hollered rite out loud i want one of them Pennys.

His Maw sed when she got him Home she wud never take him anywhears agen untill he wuz Growd up and Paw sez i hope that holds good on

visits to the Jenkseses but he diddent say it when Ant Mary wuz their.

Littel Kids like that is worse Pests than Muskeetas and i think they ott to have a Kid Jale and keep all the Kids in it till they Grow up. But Paw sez the onlie Kid he ever saw as bad as littel Eddy wuz me and i wuz twict as bad. Paw sez i cud holler like a Mule Driver and i diddent do much else besides Ball till i wuz 2 Years Old and Sevril Times he sez they wuz all reddy to Drownd me and get Rid of me but Maw took a Fancy to my Cow Lick and Mary Ellen liked to have me around so she cud Teeze me so the Familly Desided to keep me, but he sez they Regrettd it many Times Since.

Littel Kids is a Worse Nusance than a Boil on yure Neck but Peepil got to put up with them because if it wuzzent for littel Kids their Wuddent be aney big Peepil and if their wuzzent aney Big Peepil their wuddent be Aneybuddy a Tall but Cats and Dogs and Things and of coorse they cuddent Run Street Cars and be Policemen and all them kinda things so we got to have Peepil and also littel Kids which cant be Helpd. i gess you see what i mean because most Aneybuddy cud.

A BAD DAY

Well Yesturday wuz my Day for gettin in Rong at School which i did Sevril Times, but what cud you Xpect when a Fella lost his Lucky Stone and diddent get a New one Yet which i am the one that did that.

We have Rithmatick in the Morning and we Correctid our own Papers Yesturday and then Miss Tinkle sez how maney after each Name and yure suppozed to say if you have 3 rite or 7 rite or how maney. and when she cum to my Name i thot ide put in a pertty good Report and wuzzent sure jest how maney i did have rite but i thot i better make it enuff so i sez 9, and she sez well well but aint that Grand what a Dillygent Boy yure gettin to be, we onlie had 8 for the Lessun but Samuel did 9 and got them all rite, and then she sez lets see this Splendid Nite Work and she cum over and looked at my Paper and then her Mouth got a strate Line like it does when she is Mad and she sez this Yung Mun knows so littel about these Questuns that he duzzent even kno if their rite or rong, and then she sez instead of 9 rite ones you got jest 3 rite and even their did after a Fashun of yure own.

Then she give the Hole Room a Leckchure which i wuz the Goat of, and sed i had to Stay in everie Nite this Weak which is worse than gettin a Whalen becauze the Yung Red Socks which is our Base Ball Teem is turned in to a foot Ball Teem now and we Pracktice everie Nite and ide like to kno how the Teem can get aney good Pracktice if i aint there on ackount of me bein Captin and also the $\frac{1}{4}$ Back.

Then in the Afternoon i had a Green Belloon which Red got in a Box of Peenuts and i traded him a Catty for, and i blue it up when Miss Tinkle wuz back in the end of the Room showin sum Kids how do do sum Grammer and i held it down between the Ile and had it pertty big and Lem reached over and jabled it with a Pen and Good Nite yude think it wuz a Tire blowin out on a Lizzy, and Miss Tinkle cum up the Ile on a Dog Trot and Good Nite Samuel agen. Yude think she wud Blame sumthing on Sumbuddy else but she diddent even look at aneybuddy but started on that Samuel this hear and Samuel that there Bizness rite away, and i had to go out in the Hall and Stand till School wuz over which wuda bin all Rite onlie i got Foolin with the Rope on the Bell and wunderin how Far down i cud pull it without makin it Ring and i had it pertty near down to a Not in one of the Bords when she went Ding and then Dong. it wuzzent verie loud but Old Whiskers Pringle who is the Principle cum tearin out like the hole School House wuz on Fire and i wuz standin their and he ast me what made the Bell Ring and i sed i gess a Piggen musta Lit on it up in the Bellfry and he sez the Piggen wud haff to be as Big as a Cow to make that Bell Ring. and he sez i gess it wuz a Yung Monkey swingin on the Rope did it, and he took hold of my Ear and Marched me in to Miss Tinkle. Well there aint aney use writein about all the Stuff that wuz sed but yude think i wuz a Vishus Criminnel and now i got to stay in everie Nite for 2 Weeks along with old Whiskers goin to tell Paw all about it, but it jest shows what a Guys up agenst when he looses his Luckie Stone, aint it so.

LOOK AT DANIEL BOONE

Well Ole Whiskers who is the Perfessor at our School and also the Principle seen Paw last Nite and told him all about me Blowin up a Belloon in School and busten it and pullen the Bell Rope and makin the Bell Ring which i diddent mean to but wuz a Acksident, and also he told him all about my Applicashun bein Poor which means if you study yure Branes out or if you dont, and Paw cum Home and he sez Yung Man i gess we haff to send you to a Reformer School or else get you a Job one of these hear Days if you dont get to Work and make the most of yure Oppertuneitties and then he went on and give me an offle Leckchure.

School is an offle Misforchunate thing for Kids to haff to go to and Peepil thats growed up is certunly luckie. Napoleyun and Washington and Bufalo Bill and Danyull Boone and all the Grate Men in Histry run away frum School when they wuz Kids and got jobs Shootin Indians and useful things like that and became Grate Men which they wud-dent a done a tall if they staid in sum old School and Worreyed if 9 times 7 is 64 or if it wuz 74, and what wuz the Principal Parts of beautyfull and if the Capitel of Jappan wuz Venice or if it wuz the rite place which is Hong Kong and sounds like the Name of a Chineyman that Washes Shirts but it aint.

It stands up to reazon that Danyull Boone diddent need to kno if the Civil War wuz fott in 1776 or in 1812 when he wuz Shootin Indians and all he needed wuz a Good Eye which he had all rite and cud Pick

them off swell, onlie Grammer and Geograffie did-
dent help him do it and if he had been Worreyin
about all that Stuff the Indians wuda Snuck up be-
hind Him and Skalped him.

And when George Washingtun rowed acrost the
Delaware to clean up the Brittish all he cared about
wuz whear that there River wuz and sum River
over in Spane like the Yangs Tee Ki Yank or sum
of them crazie Names diddent have aneything to
do with it and when Lincoln sez all them their
Slaves are free and made hisself a grate Man indeed,
why he diddent need to kno if it takes 9 Rolls or
10 of Wall Paper to Paper a Room with 3 Windas
and 2 Doors in it, and when a Man is grate like
im goin to be he jest calls up the Paper Hanger
and sez cum up hear and Paper the Sittin Room
and thats all their is to it and if yude try to tell
the Man how to do it he wud say i gess you better
do it Yureself, and then whear wud you be.

But Peepil got grate Ideaas these hear Days and
one of them is Kids ott to Study all the Crazie Stuff
the Teachers can find and the Kids Maws and Paws
jest back up the Teachers so what can a Fella do
about it.

GOOD-BYE SUMMER !

Well its gettin kinda Cool now and Summer will be pertty soon over and then it will be Fall and Time to put on Skratchey Underware agen and go for Chesnuts and gether Leaves and then it will be Winter and Snow Balls can be throwd and Skatin Injoyed if yure a good Skater like i am but you will jest fall on yure Neck and see Stars if you aint a good Skater becauze Skatin is hard if you dont kno how and sum Peepil is offle Dum and wuddent kno if they tride every Winter, jest like sum Peepil cant Swim no matter if they Try every Day and when they get in the Water their afrade to even go where its up to their Nees and they wuddent Duck under for Aneything.

But like Paw sez im Beatin around under the Bushes agen and i got to get back onto Brass Tacks. like i wuz sayin about Summer it will soon be over and i wuddent mind that part of it but the runnin to School everie Day is the part i dont Like and i wish it wud always be Summer so i wuddent half to go to School, but that wuddent be verie good ether becauze if they wuzzent aney more Winters all the Mittens and Skates and Sleds and Swettters and Slay Bells and everything wud be waisted, and it wud also be verie bad if their wuz no more Winter becauze the Trees wuddent be ust to such Funney stuff and they wud let all their Leaves go off like they always do and then it wud Stay hot and their wuddent be aney Shade and Everybuddy wud get a Sun Stroke and mebbie Die. im pertty Cute to figger that out that way dont you think so, but its

rite all rite, becauze how wud the Trees kno it wuz going to Stay Summer and they cud keep there Leaves on.

Nachure is a Grate thing and has Everything jest rite, which is one of the things Miss Tinkle sez that is rite and a good maney of them aint but she thinks they are. Nachure puts Tales on Mules and Cows and other Animals to Brush the Flies off with, and puts Jaggers on a Porkey Pine so he can Jag Peepil with them if they dont mind their Bizness which a good maney Peepil dont, and also Nachure makes Sap cum up in the Trees like Water in a Pipe so the Leaves will get a Drink and not Dry up and all kinds of slick things like that.

Nachure makes sum Peepil Pertty and sum Uglie with Freckels on their Noze like mine, onlie i aint so uglie if my Face is cleen and i look pertty good with my new Suit on and Red Tie if i do say it Myself, but Nachure also makes sum Peepil so Fat you dont kno if there stadin up or layin down and other Peepil so Thin they can stand in Front of the Window and you can still see the Seenery rite thru them.

But Nachure knows whats best for Fokes and like Paw sez if she gives them a Pug Noze its so they will mebbie reelize it is pertty Short and not try to run it in other Peepils Bizness.

WIRE TROUBLE

Paw sez he is goin to have our Telfone took out if Mary Ellen and me dont quit Nursin the Receever from Morning tili Nite and keepin Peepil frum talkin Important Bizness.

Of Coorse Mary Ellen is the one that is to Blame and all i do is call Skinney or Harvey or sum of the Kids up and ast them the dope about the way to do these here Frackshuns we got in Rithmatick which are the worst Suckers their is and wud almost make a Guy get Gray Hare frum worryin his Branes out tryin to do them. and Paw sez its a grate State of Affares when a Cub like me got to get his Edukashun over the Telfone and i got to Cut it out or he will have the Fone took out.

Paw sez Mary Ellen uses that Telfone so much its a Wunder the Receever dont grow fast to her Ear and he sez it wud onlie she got them Rat Biscuts over her ears and thats all that saves her. and Paw sez if she had aneything to Talk about it wud dent be so bad but when that there White Pants calls her up all they do is get Cute and talk about Stuff thats about as Important as what a Teething Baby sez to its Rag Doll.

And Paw sez Every Time he goes to the Fone sum of our Lady Naybors with good Wind and fine Staying Qualities is hashin Things over with Sum-buddy down the Street. and he sez he cud bust in and give a Swell Orashun on how Wimmens Rites are in the Kichen but these Lady Talkin Machines got a Cumback rite away and will tell him his Dawter hangs on the line like a Undershirt and it

aint verie offen they get a Chance to use it. and then Paw sez if our Line is Clear aney Time he happens to want it why he Speaks out the Number he wants in a Firm Manlie Voice and back cums the Anser as Sweet as a Spoon of Hunney that the Line is Bizzy. Paw sez most of the Lines he wants must have Washings on them or else sum Guy is Walkin the Tite Rope on them becauze their always Bizzy.

Paw sez if Wimmen wud jest get a littel Sistern into there Telfone Bizness when they call each other up they ott to jest move the Grafafone up to the Telfone and put a Jazzy Record on and then they cud go about their Work and the Effect wud be the same and Everybuddy wud be Happy. but Paw sez if he wud fix up with Maw to Shake a Red Blanket out our Upstares Winda and out of his Office Winda it wud be much better and surer than the Telfone becauze aney Time he ever Calls up Home Mary Ellen is so Bizzy deciden over the Fone how maney Plects she ott to put in her new Dress or jest what Time she ott to start with White Pants to the Ice Cream Frolick sum Place that Paw cant get a chance to tell Maw he is bringen sum Fella for Dinner and he knows he will lose his Happy Home if he pulls off a littel Supprise Party on Maw, so he hasta take the Man to a Quick and Dirty Resterant and tell him the Family is out to the Cuntrie Club or visiten their Millyunair Grandpap on River Side Drive or sum littel Polite Parler lie like that.

THE VALUE OF THRIFT

Well i started to save my Munney for Christmas. i aint got aney yet but when i do get sum ile save it which is the rite way to do and Everybuddy ott to save sum Munney so they wont get Old and Poor and haff to Die in the Poor House which is a bad place to Die becauze i gess they dont put aney Flowers on you that say Rest in Piece or aney of that Stuff, which is verie nice and ott to be did even if yure Dead and cant Injoy it.

Paw sez one thing sure their aint aney Streak of Mizer in the Jenks Familly and the Slogan on there Familly Coat of Arms is Munney wuz made Round so let her Roll. Paw sez when he wuz Yung and Sensibel he had sum Ideecas about savin everie Cent he cud and bein Rich sum Day but he sez when he Marryed Maw he found out she had kinda Liberal and Broad Minded Ideecas about Munney two, and he sez 2 mite live as Cheap as one in the Moveys but he and Maw found out that 2 can Spend Munney twict as fast as one, so thats the reazun we are Poor but Proud, like Paw sez.

I got a Bank which wud hold a lot of Munney but i never had a lot in its yet. when i first got it and diddent kno how to shake the Munney out i wuz gettin a good bit and it started to get as heavie as led, but i Monkeyed with it till i cud get Dimes and Penneys out of it and after Bit it wuzzent near so Heavy. the Nickels is a littel two Big and cant be shook out so i never put aney Nickels in becauze i mite need them and it wud be verie Unconveenyant

if i cuddent get them out and i mite haff to Hit her with a Ax to get her open.

Harvey is a offle Stingey Kid and Saves everie Cent and if he gets aney Munney and wants to by even a Lollie Pop he runs cleen Home to ast his Maw and she most generallie sez no. ide hate to be tite like that, which my Maw aint and if she wud say No it wud be becauze she wud be afrade i had bin Eatin two much Trash and the Lollie Pop mite make me Sick or sumthing.

Paw sez Mary Ellen is the Prize Spender at our House and he Pitys White Pants her Fella if he ever gets her becauze if he doez he will haff to start in Smokin Grape Leaves agen becauze after Mary Ellen wud get a Chance at his Sallery their wuddent be aney left to buy them Pole Cat Cigarets with. but Paw sez sum Day the Jenkses Ship mite cum in and we will be Rich, but he sez he gesses it wont becauze none of our Ancesters wuz Saylers.

MATTERS OF HEALTH

I think its a Dickens of a Note when a Fella is a Swell Swimmer like i am and goes in every Day and then his Maw is always makin him take a Bath at Home jest like he wuz a littel Sissie like Pertty Jones and cuddent Swim.

Maw sez Grashus Samuel you cant be clean frum jest Jumpin in that Dirty old Crick and you dont even have aney Soap, and i sez we use Indien Soap and jest like so maney Peepil that dont kno about them kinda things she sez whats that. and i told her about it bein that Slippey kinda Blue Mud that you can rub on Yureself and it cleens you jest like Soap, and she sez well Indien Soap or Chineyman Soap or no matter what kinda Crazy Tricks you do when you go Swimmen you got to take a Regular Bath in a Tub hear at Home at least twict a Weak or yure Paw will be called into Consultashun about the matter.

And Maw sez how in the World do you Boys dry yureselfs when you go Swimmen before you put yure Cloze on, and i told her a Fella wud be a Sissie and wud get Mud slung on him if he wud act like a Babie and Dry Hissself off with a Towell after he went Swimmen, and Maw sez yure jest Yung Barbariens, which she ment by that Saviges that Eat Snakes and Fite for a Living. of coorse none of us Fellas Eat Snakes, but onct Red et a Fishen Bate when he bet Skinney and me he wuzzent afrade to and after he Eat it we told him it wud make him Wiggel like a Worm and he watched hissself all Afternoon and wuz afrade aney Minnet

he wud Start to Wiggel, but he diddent and then he sez we wuz onlie Tryen to Kid him and he new it all the Time.

Worms wuddent hurt aneybuddy and I offen et a Worm in a Chesnut and also in Appels. they taste kinda Funney and you kno as soon as you Swalley them what it wuz but its two late to Spit them out.

Girls is offel afrade of Worms and run frum littel Fishen Bates which is verie Harmless and frendly and wuddent Hurt a Babie, but yude think the way Girls act that there Bite wuz Poizen, but they dont even have aney Teeth to bite if they wanted to. Skinney sez smashed up Caterpillars is grate for Rumatizem if you put the Juice in a Pan or sumthing and let it stand in the Sun and get kinda Messy. me and him tride it onct and rubbed it on our Legs but we diddent have aney Rumatizem so we cuddent tell if it wuz good for it or not.

Carryin Horse Chesnuts in yure Pants pockit is also verie good for the Rumatizem and i always carry one and i gess thats why i diddent have aney Rumatizem for the Caterpillar Juice to Cure, but a Fella cant be 2 Careful watchin them Dizeases and things. aint it so.

If you throw a Green Appel over yure Left Shoulder before you Eat it you wont get the Collick frum it, but its kinda Risky Bizness doin that becauze sum other Fella offen Grabs it wile yure Back is turned and when you turn around he got it in his Pockit and then you aint got aney Collick or aney Appel eether, but sech is Life as Paw sez, aint it so.

A SWELL MOVIE

Gee Whiz i seen a Movey last Nite which wud nock yure Hat in the Crick. their wuzzent aney Sissie stuff in it about Dancin and Tea Partys and Wives and Husbins gettin all mixed up and liken each other and all that, but their wuz Shootin and busten out of Jale and Spys and Fist Fites and O Boy you got lots of Chances to Clap.

Bill Heart wuz the Main Guy so you mite kno it wuz a good one, and i think hes a grate Guy because he wuddent hurt a Fishin Bate unless it did him Dirty but when Peepil dont treat him rite its Time to look out for he certainly gets ruff.

It all cum about this hear way in the Pickchure. Bill he wuz the leader of a gang of Desprit Bandits which held up Stage Coachis and all like that and a Travelin Show cum along and there wuz a Swell Pertty Girl in it and they made the Show give a Performince, and this one Slick Guy in Bills Gang who he jest had to Beet up the Day before but i forgot to Menshun that, why he took a Shine to this Girl when she played her Peace on the Fiddel and he give her a lot of Julery but she sed no it wuz stole and she diddent want it. So Bill pushed this Fella back about his Bizness and gave her a Bag of Gold which wuzent Stole but he made it hisself, and also i forgot to say Bill and his Gang wuz Maskid.

Then that Nite this Slick Guy sez he thinks he will Ride to Town and Pay a Call on this Swell Fiddeler Girl and Bill sez he gesses he wont, so they had a Fite and Bill also sez he will Fite every Man in his Gang one at a Time and the one thats

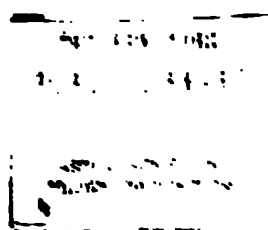
still abel to Stand up can go. O Boy you ott to see the Fite and when it wuz all over Bill wuz the one to go, onlie he wuz kinda messed up and had his Pants Tore Etc.

Well Bill rode in to Town and went rite to the Hotel and made a Preacher marry him to the Girl by pointen a Gun at his Stummick and the Preacher diddent want to do it but he had to and i gess you wud two if a Gun wuz pressed against yure Stummick wuddent you.

Well Bill and this Nice Girl makes up all rite and they start out to live Happy ever after, but this Dirty Sucker tells a lot of Lies to Bills Girl who now is his Wife and she Runs away and the Baby gets Sick and Bill busts out of Jale by Pushen the Roof up with his Back and i forgot to tell you he wuz put in becauze he Shot a Guy for Beatin up his Swell Spotted Pony which he had to sell to get Munney to send for Medisine and the Docter and then Bill ketches this Slick Guy that diddent do aneything but tell Lies and get Everybuddy all Mixed up, and the Misses she hears about the Baby bein Sick and she cums back and Plays her Fiddel which the Baby likes to hear and it goes Asleep and starts to get better rite away and Bill cums Busten in the Door and Hugs his Wife who knows Everything wuz Lies now and Everything cums out as Slick as Greece, which you wuddent never think it wud when you saw how mixed up it wuz when poor Bill wuz in Jale, but it wuz a grate Pickchure and very Injoyabill.



"Rithmatick is the worst Stuff their is to get a Fella in rong and Frackshuns is the worst of all, but Soffie Wingate sets rite back of me and she often Wispers the rite Anser and lets me see her Paper."



DIPLOMACY

Well i gess i got the rite Ideeas now and me and Miss Tinkle will get along Swell onlie i got to watch out so the Fellas dont get next to it or ide haff to lick about 10 Guys for callin me a Teachers Pet which i wuddent stand for a tall.

Yesturday Maw cum in frum the back Yard with a grate big Bokay of Dalyuhs which is swell Flowers and all have diffrunt Colors and look as swell as Roses onlie they dont smell as nice. and Maw sez Samuel i think ile put a Paper around these and let you take them to Miss Tinkle and i sez Nosir i wuddent bring her aneything unless it wud be a Bunch of Weeds or sumthing, and Maw sez now Samuel that aint aney way to Act a Tall and if you wud show Miss Tinkle you thot a littel of her she mite Treat you much Nicer.

But i told Maw ide take the Flowers cleen out to Stumptown for her if she wanted me to but if Miss Tinkle wanted Flowers she cud go out in the Woods and get them and i hoped she wud Skratch herself on Poizen Ivy two, and Maw sez Samuel this is turribel, shame on you, and i sez shame on Miss Tinkle for keepin me in and Crackin me with a Ruler and tellin Old Whiskers the Principel on me but Maw and Mary Ellen and Aunt Aggie Argued a good bit and after while i sez all rite but i went to School long before the first Bell and went down the Alley so none of the Fellas mite see me, and Miss Tinkle wuz correctin sum Papers and i went up to her Desk and sez Miss Tinkle i jest thot yude like sum Flowers so i coxed Maw to give

me a few and i brot them for you and i hope you will like them thank you.

Well by Gosh you kno she nearlie had a Fit and sez Samuel im jest two much Imprest for Words which she ment by that she thot it wuz grate Stuff and a Swell Idee. and she Buzzed around and put them in a Vaise and smelled them a Duzzen Times and sez such a nice Thotful thing for you to do, and then she sez Lookin out the Winda, how Mistaken we offen are and if we cud onlie look into Peepils Harts and i aint quite sure what she ment by that but i gess she wuz Thinken i wuz a pertty Brite Boy after all and mebbie i diddent offen Recite because i diddent want to show the rest of the Class up.

But the Trubbel wuz she broke off a big Red Flower and wanted to Pin it on my Waste, but nuthin doin and if the Fellas wud ever see that Pozey on me and that Bunch on her Desk it wud be Good Nite Samuel, and i sez no Thank you Miss Tinkle but it wud Spoil yure Bunch and i wuddent think of doin that, and then she sez Samuel this is a Revelashun, how Blind i Bin. and i aint sure what she ment by that but theirs nuthing to that Blind stuff because she can be doin a Problim on the Black Bord and have her Back turned and still see a Guy if he trys to Shoot a Paper Wad.

The Swellest part of the Hole Bizness wuz i diddent kno my Rithmattick and she sez Next and jest Smiled at me and Skinney and Red and all the Fellas looked at me with there Mouths open and cuddent Under Stand it, but it jest shows how Swell a Fella can get along if he uses a littel Judge-mint and gets on the Rite side of the Teacher which they aint got Sense enuff to do but i have if i do say so Myself.

A BARBER'S VILLAINY

Gettin a hare cut dont seam like much to get all xcited about does it, but Maw and Everybuddy up to our House made a turrible lot of fuss yesturday xcept Paw who laffed and sez clam yourselfs to Maw and Mary Ellen who wuz doin a good bit of fussen.

You see Paw sez before he went to the Office, he sez Yung man yure hare is pertty long and youll be a Feather neck pertty soon and look like a feather legged Chicken if you dont get yure hare cut. Then he give me 25 cents and sez to stop in and have a talk with Old Simpson whose the Barber, onlie he diddent mean for me to talk to him but to get a hare cut which is just the funnie way Paw sez things.

Well i waited till after School and then i stopped in to Old Simpsons shop and he wuzzent shaven Aneybuddy or cutten Aneybuddys hare, so he sez hop up yung man and we will fix ybu up. well i hopped up and then he sez how do you want it and i sez o just middlin short and he sez times is changed and the lads these days is got to be just like Sissies becauze they want their hare left kinda long so they can comb it and look nice. And i sez nossir i dont care if mine looks nice or not and i want you to kno i aint aney Sissie.

And he laffed and sez thats all rite but you aint like a regular old fashioned Boy and dont never get her clipped short like lads did when i wuz a boy. And i sez go to it, and he sez meanen what. and i sez ile take her short this time. Then he sez

mebie yure Maw wuddent like it and i sez i want you to kno i aint no Babie and get my hair cut the way i want it.

So he begun nippen around with them clippers and runnin them up and down my Neck and all over my Head till i looked like one of them Mexiken pups that aint got aneymore hare than a Toad and is called hareless Hounds.

Then he grinned and sez now you look like i did when i wuz a boy which i diddent like very well becauze Old Man Simpson is got a face like Paw sez rezembles a crab appel that got bit with the Frost. Well when i got home Maw sez did you get yure hare cut Samuel and i sez yes indead. And she sez youll look nice and neat and Mary Ellen who wuz watchen me she jumped off the Kitchen tabel whear she wuz sitten and snatched off my cap. Gosh but yude ott to heard them fussen around just like Wimmen do when their up in the air about sumthing which they wuz good and propper.

Maw sez ile die of Numonia and Mary Ellen she sez he looks just like a Convick which is a fella thats in Jale and she sez hes disgraceful lookin and is Homely enuff but now he looks like sum Foriner.

Paw he just laffed and sez well Stub old boy you got a quarters worth diddent you.

INDOOR SPORT

Well i got kinda in bad Yesturday when i wuz visiten over at Joneses House whear Pertty Jones lives who is a kinda Sissie and i dont play with much but now i got a Sore hand and cant go swimmen or play Base Ball or aneything and i diddent kno what to do so i went over to Perttys.

It all cum about when his Maw wuz out to a Wimmens Party or sumthing and me and Pertty wuz foolin around the House and diddent kno what to do and i seen the Gold Fish which they got a hole lot of in a grate big Bole swimmen around and i sez to Pertty lets go Fishen and he sez i dassent and i sez o i dont mean down to Sulfer Crick but rite hear and he sez o you must be Crazie how cud we do that and i sez we will fish for Gold Fish. and of coorse Pertty hollered and sez we wud kill them and all like that but i told him we wud throw them back in and it wuddent hurt them a bit.

So i run Home and got sum littel Minnie Hooks and sum Nite Crawlers wihch i had in a Can under the Back Porch and wuz kinda smelly frum bein a cuppel of days old. then i husseled over to Perttys place and we bated the Hooks with the Nite Crawlers and tide cord on the Hooks and started Fishen. we lifted the Bole down on the Floor and set on Chairs so we cud Fish better, but i gess Gold Fishes is pertty high toned and wont eat common Bate for they wuddent go after the Nite Crawlers a tall even if you bumped the Wurm rite agenst there Nozes.

• Then after bit we got littel Peaces of Cake which Pertty got out of the Cubberd and put them on the Hooks and the Gold Fishes begin to set up and take notice and after bit i got one and jerked him out just like reguler Fishermens is suppozed to but i thruw him up to high and he lit behind a big Pickchure on the Wall and we had a dickens of a time to get him down. we had also sum trubbel to get the Hook out of his Mouth becauze he went after the Cake to eat it hole like a Pig and the Hook got away down pertty near his Gizzerd.

Well after bit i got 2 more and Pertty got one which he aint near as good at Fishen as i am, but the littel Suckers wuddent swim around or aneything and ackted like they wuz sick when we put them back in the Water. and then a verie Misforchunate thing happened for i went to jump up to get one i pulled out and hear if i diddent nock over the Bole and the Gold Fishes went swimmen rite into the Parler which they cuddent help becauze the Water pushed them along and then in cum Perttys Maw and beleeve me she raized Cain and Pertty blamed it on me and she sez to another Lady with her that this Yung Jenks boy is a Skerge to the Kommunitie which she ment i wuz a bad Ackter but i wuz Just hurryen out the Door then and diddent hear aney more only Pertty Holleren which he did frum getten whaled.

PAW ON COAL PRICES

Well i gess we will have to Set in the Kitchen all Winter and keap Warm by the Cook Stove which is what Paw sez but i gess he is onlie Foolin on ackount of the High Price of Coal which is what he ment last Nite when he sez we cuddent a Ford aney.

When he cum Home last Nite, Paw i mean, he sez to Maw well Ellen i wuz around Pricen Coal Today and the Xperience has so Unnerved me that i gess i wont be able to Eat aney Supper a Tall. He sez the First Place i went to i ast the Man what he cud put my Winters Coal in for a Ton and he menshuned a Figger that kinda Puzzeled me a Minnit till i thot i seen what he Ment and i sez O no i wuzzent asken for a Price on a Car, i meant by the Ton. Then Paw sez the Man looked at him kinda like he Pitied Him and sez reel soft like we dont Carry aney Cheaper Grades.

Then he sez he went to see Bill Briggels who also Halls Coal and he sez Bill yure a Frend of Mine, tell me whats the Best you can do on a Dozzen Tons of Coal, and he sez Bill Skratched his head and sez well Hen ile make you a Spechul Price of seventy Dollars Flat, and Paw sez back to him Flat is a Good Word Bill because if ide take you up ide be Flat on my Back till Spring, and Bill sez but Man thats a Spechul Price on ackount of you bein my Frend and Paw sez Good Bye Bill and Heven help yure Enemies.

Paw sez he went to Sevril more Places and the Figgers the Men throwed around sounded like the

Gate Reseats on the World Serious and he sez he cum away in a Daze and aint fealt quite Normal since.

And Maw sez what are we goin to do and Paw sez Woman for onct you ast a Sensibel Questun, and he sez Talk about the poor in Yourip i dont think they got aneything on us Poor Creachures that is Facen Starvashun and Frozashun and he sez the best thing i kno for us to do is to fill out Applikashuns for a Bunk at the County Home and we can stay their till Spring mebbie and then the Tea Berries and Sasafrass will be Ripe and we can mebbie pick up a Liven in the Woods altho i suppoze they will be chargen Heavie for Drunken water by that Time.

Of coorse Paw is onlie Foolin when he sez like that and we aint Poor a Tall and got lots to Eat onlie mebbie not as much Pie and Cake as we wud like to have espeshully me.

REVIEWING "UNCLE TOM'S CABIN"

Wuz you ever to see Unkel Toms cabben. Beleewe me that is some classie show which is what i think and so does Piggy Dugan who wuz with me to see it. Them Blood hounds they had wuz perty neer as big as Cows and their wuzzent aney fake about it as they wuz rite their and come a runnen acrost the Ice and looked wicked enuff to eat niggers or white peeple or Aneybuddy else that got gay with them which i wuddent want to do, i gess not.

And that Simen Ligree with the whip, gee but he wuz a wicked old scoundril. Why he just stood up their and whaled poor old Unkel Tom rite on the ribs with that whip and of coorse it wuz just in the show but beleewe me he hurt him turrible as the old Slave which is what he wuz, why he just wiggeled around turrible and let out some offle moans.

I certunly did hate him i mean that old scoundril of a Simon becauze he sure wuz a bad egg and diddent have no Mercy on a poore old Darkey that had the rumeatizem and fealt perty bad aneyhow without gettin licked. If ide a bin Unkle Tom i tell you rite now ide of sicked them Blood hounds on that fella and just let them chew him up to mincemeet. You know he is that same wicked old Sucker that drove Liza and her little babie who wuzzent as big as little Eddy whoze my Cuzzin, rite across the Ice and chased them big Dogs after her. But he diddent get her as she wuz a better runner than most Wimmen and girls is and she just hopped across on them Cakes of Ice to the other side.

You kno its a pertty sad show, becauze Old Unkel Tom who is a fine old fella even if he is pertty black and raggedy, why he dies and you feal pertty sorrie becauze he never did nothing but be kind and generous and onest and all like that and then he just gets kicked around like a Dog. And then Eva who is a pertty nice little girl and looks kinda like a Angel, she dies too which spoils the show as their the principal Karackters in the show and the nicest ones in the gang i think. And little Eva whose kind and gentle and wuddent even say mean things let alone skratsh Aneybuddy she goes up to Heven and its pertty sad i can tell you and certunly busts up the show. But Topsis whose a little nigger girl is a funnie one. She sez more smart things than a Klown and talks rite back to Everybuddy and yude laff fit to bust just to see some of the stunts she does which of coorse she tranes for and dont do rite off the bat even if it does look that way. But aneyhow it would be a better show if old Unkel Tom wuddent die but wud get mad and nock the ears off that Scoundril of a Simen Ligree and then him and Eva wud just fool them all and not die a tall.

BLOODY ATERS IN ACTION

Well we had a grate Advenchure with our Club of Bloody Aters Yesturday which ended up with me getten Licked and i gess a cupple of the other Bloody Aters also, which i aint seen aney of them yet but i gess they got whaled also like i did.

It all cum about frum us Kidnappen Pertty Jones and taken him to our Rendevoov which is a Seekrit Den in the Mountains we got. of coorse its just Pollys Nob but we pertend its a Wild and Lonlie Mountain which is the way you got to do when you live in a nice Quite Town like ours and want Desprit Advenchures which a good bit is just pertended and aint so a tall.

Well me and Red and Skinney and Harvey and Piggy and all the rest of the Bloody Aters went down to Toady Swimmen Yesturday morning and we had it all fixed and got 10 marbels which 9 of them wuz just white Kommies and 1 wuz a Black shooter and we put them in a Hat and everybuddy Drew one out and the Man that got the Black one wuz the Persun which wuz selected to Lure Pertty Away so he cud be Kidnapped which is the way its got to be did when its a Reel Advenchure.

Well hear if i diddent get the Black Shooter which i diddent want a tall becauze im Brave all rite but i dont Like Perttys Maw a hit and i wuz scared ide run into her and she dont like me a tall eether and told me one time i wuz never to cum near their House which wuz on ackount of me getten Pertty to go Fishen in the Gold Fish Bole and a lot of them dide when we Hooked them out which i did-

dent think they wud do but they did all rite and also we Upset the Bole on the Carpit.

Aneyhow i wuz the Misforchunate Bloody Ater and i went up and Pertty wuz playen Crokay which is an offle Sissie Game and i coxed him to cum out and he sez he wuzzent allowed but i got him to cum after bit to go Fishen which he sez he wuddent Fish but wud just watch me becauze he is skared to bate a Hook with a Wurm. well we went down to the Crick and all the Bloody Aters wuz hidden in Ambushes and Sprang out just like it sez in Advenchure Books and grabbed Pertty and tide a big Red Hankercheef over his Eyes and he hollered turribel but we led him away to his Doom which wuz to be locked up in the Sekrit Cave for Ransum. and when we got their we took off the Hankercheef and he balled and wanted to be let go but we diddent anser him, bein Silent like all Desprit Bandits is suppozed to be.

And then we Tide him Hand and Foot which he Hollered lowder and lowder and cride to be let go Home which we cuddent do till the Ransum wuz pade. Then we fed him Bred and Water which he wuddent eat and sez he Wuzzent Hungrie but Prisners is suppozed to eat Bred and Water so we made him eat anyway. and then Skinney and Red wuz put over him for a Gard to watch him till the Ransum wuz pade which ile tell you about.

PIRATES IN DISTRESS

I sez in the last Chaptir about how we Kidnapped Pertty Jones the Sissey and Lured him to our Sekrit Cave and put a Gard over him.

Well, then me and the rest of the Bloody Aters went back to Town and it got kinda Dark and we rote a Letter to Perttys Paw in our Woodshed and cuddent male it becauze none of the Bloody Aters had 2 Cents for to Buy a Stamp and i husseled Home for to see if i cud get 2 Cents and rite their wuz Perttys Maw setten talken to my Maw and she wuz offle Mad and sez about the Made which she meant there Hired Girl seen me Coxen Pertty away and she cum to see if i new whear he wuz.

Well i sez No becauze i cuddent give our Seekrit away and Maw sez are you sure Samuel and i sez Yes and just then Paw cum walken in and sez whats the Trubble and Misses Jones sez this Yung Man Inticed my Boy away this afternoon and now he sez he dont kno where he is.

Paw he looked at me like he does sumtimes when he means you are goin to get a Licken and he sez do you kno whear He is and i sez No kinda carefull like and he sez whear did you leave him last and he grabbed me by the Arm pertty tite and i diddent say whear i seen him or whear i diddent see him and then he Squeezed my arm Titer which Paw can do becauze he got a offle Grip and he sez i gess you kno about this after all, and now whear is he and i had to tell even if i wuz a Bloody Ater and braken the Oath we got, so i sez he is in the Seekrit Cave. well his Maw hollered offle Loud and sez Grate Hevens my Child.

Then i sez O he is all rite and no Harm wont cum to Him becauze we got a Gard over him and Perttys Maw kinda set down quick on the Chair and hol-lered my Poor Baby, what do you kno about that which shows what an offle Sissie Pertty is.

And then Paw give me a turribel Crack on the Head and sez whats all this Tomfoolrie about and i sez well we wuz just pertenden we wuz Holden him for Ransum and it wuz onlie a Game, and he sez you go and let that Lad go and then cum back hear and we will have a littel Game in the Wood-shed.

Well i husseled out and got my Bloody Aters and we run up to the Cave on Pollys Nob and took the Ropes off Perttys Legs and Arms and he wuz ballen Turribel and when we let him go he got Smart and quit Ballen and we all started Home and he sez Ha Ha you wuz Skared Father wud have you Arrested and you had to let me go diddent you and then he got Smarter and Smarter and i new i wuz goin to get Licked aneyhow and it diddent matter so i up and Pasted him a good one and he Run Home holleren like he wuz killed.

Well thats about all onlie 3 of the Bloody Aters got Licked and i wuz the First one.

PAW ON POLITICS

Paw sez Cabbige is cummin into its own agen now that its gettin along tords Eleckshun Time, and he sez he has raseled with more Bad Weeds in the last Month than wud Smoke a hole Butcher Shop full of Hams.

Paw sez this hear Eleckshun Bizness is grate stuff. he sez he goes walken along the Street minden his Bizness and thinken about his Trubbels and sum Fella stops him in a Mistereous way and Shakes his Hand reel Harty like and Paw is skared to Deth he is goin to try and Borrey a Five Spot and then the Fella sez Jenks are you with me. and Paw sez he asks him whear he is goin, and the Fella sez im not goin aney Place but im out, and Paw he begins to wunder if he means out of the Hospitel or the Bug House and then the Fella sez Yes my Friends got around me and jest simply made me cum out for Office and then Paw sez the dark and desprit Truth is out and he knows what it all means.

So then Paw sez he reaches for the Cigar and the Fella is already got it out of his Pockit and lites a Match to help Paw lite up, but Paw sez no he never Takes aney Chances like that onless he is close to First Aid, so he puts the Cabbige in his Pockit and tells the Fella he will try it after Supper.

Then Paw sez he shakes Hands with the Fella and tells him he will do what he can for him, and he dont kno till he reeds in the Paper if the Fella is a Demokrat or a Mennonite, and he has to wate till he reeds it in the Paper before he even knows what the Fella is runnin for.

Paw sez every Time 2 Jokers gets there Heads together a New Cannidate is made, and he sez 2 Swallows mite not make a Summer but 2 Kidders can make a Cannidate aney Day in the Weak.

But Paw sez the Worst thing about Politicks is the terribel amount of good Vegitabels thats wasted, and he sez the stuff for maney a good Irish stew goes up in smoke on ackount of sum Fella cummin out for Office. Paw sez the Country mite be made safe for Demokrats and Ginger Ale but it wont never be safe for Cornd Beef and Cabbige till the Practickal Jokers quit callin themselves Friends and lookin for Victims who pay good Money to put there Pickchures in the Papers and rite about what Nobel Lives they led and how it wud be a worse Crime than Shootin Belgen children not to vote for them.

Paw sez it mite be true that a Man got to die to have good things sed about him but he sez the Clozed season on that stuff is before Eleckshun. he sez a Town dont never kno what Wonderfull Men its got till their is a Cuppel of Soft Jobs open with good Pay and Nothin to do and lots of Time to do it in.

MARY ELLEN'S PARTY

Well its all Desided and Mary Ellen is goin to have a Hollow Ween Party up to our House which Means Samuel who is me will be the Gote and run Airrands by the Millyun and do this hear and that their, and haff to help get the Party all reddy jest like it wuz his, and when the Time cums and the Doins is to be did it will be Samuel you stay out in the Kitchen or Samuel you go to Bed Earily and get out of the way, or Samuel you aint to have aney Ice Cream till we are sure theirs enuff to go round.

That their is the way a Fella always gets Treated and the Girls got to be Carreyed around with a Chip on there Shouldir and everything did for them and there Brothers is got to do all the Dirty Work and then Take a Back Seat and Espechully if the Brothers is Yungger than the Sisters which i am and its verie Misforchunate.

At this hear Party next Weak theirs to be Punks and Autim Leaves and Branches and all that Cute Stuff and who will be the Guy that will haff to Horse all that Stuff Home and run After it, well, im the Guy and Nobuddy else, and all on ackount of White Pants and them other Guys with the Plush Hare ez Paw calls it and their Pole Cat Cigarets, and them Te Hee Hee Girls like Mary Ellen thats Dippy about all the Fellas big enuff to ware Long Pants but dont think they even ott to Notiss a Common Kid like me that aint big Enuff to ware Long Pants and is glad he aint becauze then he is suppozed to be a Ladys Man which i aint and wont never will be.

Paw sez these hear Ice Cream Frolicks at our House is cummin two offen for Cumfort, and he sez it always means he got to keep his Shoes on all Evening and lissen to the Jazz Babys Gabbel about things as Important as what a Baby sez when its First Rattel is handed to it.

Paw sez the Jenks Domsile which he means by that our House, usta be a Nice Quiet Cumfortabel Place whear Eatin and Sleepin and a littel Restin wuz done, with a littel Familly Argumint throwd in from Time to Time to keep Everybuddy Scshubel but now Days he sez its a Cross between a Jazzy Dance Hall and a Talkin Machine Store on ackount of Mary Ellen and her Ice Cream Frolicks thats held oftener than the Gas Bill cums, which Paw sez is two offen for Cumfort.

But Paw sez such is Life when you got High Societty in the Familly and its the Penilty we got to pay for belongin to the 400.

AN INVITATION

Well i gess Mary Ellen aint the onlie Pebbel on the Beech with her Party becauze i aint even goin to be around next Toosday when she is havein Hers and they wont get a Chance to say Samuel suppoze you run up to Bed now out of the way, which is what always happens after i did all the Work and carryed all the Stuff and bin the Gote all the Time the gettin Reddy wuz bein did.

The reason why Mary Ellen can have her old Party for all i care and i aint a bit Interrestid is becauze i got a Invitashun to a Swell Party Myself and its to be a Maskerade and the one thats havein it is Soffie Wingate and im to be the main Guy at the Party which aint strange becauze she thinks im jest about rite which she aint far rong if i do got to say it Myself, and maneys the Time i give her a Swell big Appel or a Sower Ball or Sumthing Good and when i wuz at Bostun i sent her a Swell Post Card with Shiney Stuff on it that cost a Nickel and it wuz so Ellegant that you wuzzent jest Supposed to put a Stamp on it and Male it but you had to put it in a Envelope and send it which i did and she Raved about it which she had a Rite to do on ackount of it bein so Classy and also cummin frum Me becauze it aint Everybuddy ide send a Card to and Espechulley Pig Tale Edwards or that Fresh Bates Girl. Most Girls aint much Ackount, no foolin dont you think thats rite. they think its grate Stuff when they study hard and kno all the Rithmatick Questuns, and then in Class Miss Tinkle will say Samuel what is the Anser to Num. 9 and i

will say i diddent get it Miss Tinkle and then she will say to Red what is the Anser and he wont kno becauze he is Dummer than me in Rithmatick and then she will ast a Cuppel of other Fellas and they will say it wuz two Hard and then she will say did aneybuddy get it and about a Duzzen Girls will Wiggel there Hands rite away and Holler i did, and then the Fellas get a Fearce Leckchure and kep in after School and all that Stuff on ackount of the Girls bein two Smart and tryen to show off.

But Soffie Wingate is got almost as much Sence as a Boy which is verie Unusuel for a Girl and she will Whispir the Anser to me if she gets a Chance and always lets me look on her Paper if Miss Tinkle aint Lookin which aint verie Offen becauze she got Eyes in the Back of her Head and can see Everything if its her Bizness or if it aint which it usuellie aint but she makes it aneyway, which is the way Teachers do.

OUT IN SOCIETY

Well Soffie Wingates Party wuz held last Nite and i wuz their, and Sevril Misforchunate things happend and Sevril lucky ones happend also and aneyhow i had a Swell Ellegant Time, which i always do when i go to a Party on ackount of that bein what Partys is for.

This hear Party, which the one Soffie Wingate had is the one i mean, wuz a Regular one and wuz held in the Evening and not in the After Noon like a littel Kid Party. and i wuz glad it wuz because its a good Peace down to Soffies House and i wuz kinda glad it wuzzent Daylite with Everybuddy Rubber Necken at my Diskize which wuz a Bloody Desprit Pirate and i made a pertty good one if i do say so Myself onlie my Sord wuz two Long and got Twistid up in my Leggs everie onct in a While and the 3 Cornered Hat made out of the old one of Mary Ellens wuz two Big and Slipt down every now and then mostlie now and set on the Tops of my Ears insted of Stayin up on the Top of my Bean like it had ott to.

I gess their wuzzent sum Gessin goin on when i walkt in and Hollered hear cumms Captin Kid, and the Girls Skreamed O Deer and Grashus me and run and Everything, and then i did like Mary Ellen told me, which will always get aneybuddy in rong because she never knows what shes Talkin about. and i took off my Big Hat and held it Flat agenst my Stummick and i sez Ladys dont be Alarmd, im a Gentleman Pirate and yure Perfickly safe with me and then i made a big Bow like a Dooke or

Movie Ackter, but hear when i wuz takin my Hat off and doin all this Stuff i nockt my Mask off and Everybuddy hollered Ho Ho its onlie Stubby Jenks.

And another Misforchunate thing wuz me wearin them big Pirate Boots with the big wide Tops like Maw made, becauze i wuz reachin for a Peace of Cake at the Tabel and i nockt a Glass of Water over and every Drop of it went down my one Boot and i had to set down and take my Boot off and Pour the Water out which wuddent a bin so bad onlie their wuz a big Hole in my Stockun and my Toe cud be seen reel easzy and Everybuddy hollered look at the Pirates big Toe, and i sez to Piggy who tride to make Everybuddy laff at me, i sez thats all you know about Reel Pirates becauze they always have Holes in there Stockuns to make them Ruff lookin and i tore that Hole in their apurpose, and i gess that shut him up.

Soffie wuz the Hostiss which means the one the Party is had for and i set rite next to her and she sez Maw this Pirate looks offle Hungrie and i think he ott to have another Helpin of Ice Cream and Cake, which is one of the luckie things that Happened, and the other one wuz when Misses Wingate sez now every Boy chuze a Partnir and take her in to Supper and i walkd rite over to Soffie and Red Obrien who wuz drest like a Klown he walked over also and we wuz both Thinken the rite thing to say but diddnt get Time becauze Soffie sez i think i like Pirates best and then she sez will you take me in to Supper Mister Kid and i sez ile tell the World i will and then i looked back and give Red a kinda Nasty Grin, but it jest shows what i bin sayin all along that Soffie is diffрут from most Sillie Girls and is got lots of good Sense.

TALKING TURKEY

Paw got a big Turkey Yesturday from Mister Millwood and put him down in a Pen in the end of the Yard not Mister Millwood but the Turkey and we are goin to feed him Corn and all kinds of Stuff so he will be good and Fat on Thanks Given Day and then Good Nite Mister Turkey.

You ott to see Him, his Head cums to the third Butten on my Waste and he walks around jest like he owned the Earth, but he duzzent kno he is goin to get it in the Neck so you cant Blame Him. i told Him last Nite when he Tride to Pick me thru the Wire i sez Ha Ha ole Boy yure Cake will be Doo one of these hear Days and you mussent get so Frisky, but he diddent pay aney Attenshun to it and tride to Pick me agen.

Turkeys jest before Thanksgiving is like lots of Peepil, they get reel Smart and think they are the Hole Show and Bang off goes there Heads. but jest like it sez in the Bibel or the Dickshunary or sum place, Pride goes ahead of a Fall and He that Laffs last laffs the Loudest and thats the way it will be with Old Gobbeler. he mite do the Laffen now, or i mean the Gobbelen becauze Turkeys cant laff on ackount of bein like Chickens and not havein aney Teeth, but like i sez he mite Gobbel now but ile do the Gobbelin or i mean the Laffen after Thanksgiving.

Paw sez this hear is one of the Biggest Turkeys he ever Seen and he calls it Jack Demsy, and he sez he cost as much as the Gate Reseets of the Demsy and Carpenter Prize Fite. Paw sez that Turkey set

Him Back so far he cant even see the Stage and he wud jest about as soon Try to buy a nice Jersey Cow as a Big Turkey. but Paw sez thats one of the Pleazures of havein Poor Relashuns thats cummin to Gladden yure Home, and you got to Feed them up. Ma sez Hennery you otten to Talk that way becauze you kno you bot that Turkey for Yureself and that Hungrey yung Samuel, which the Hungrey yung Samuel she ment wuz Me, and Paw sez no i dont think ile care for aney and you mite jest have a Few Sardeans for me, but Paw wuz onlie Kidden and i bet he will get one of the Legs the verie First Thing. i suppoze ile get the Neck, especchully if we got Cumpany. im grate on that Neck Stuff and you mite think every Chicken or Turkey had a Duzzen Necks the way i always get them. all Necks is for is to make you think you got Chicken when you aint. Paw sez when he wuz a Kid the Yungstirs diddent kno a Dead Chicken had aneything but a Neck becauze thats all they ever saw, and i sez well Times aint Changed verie Much, and Mary Ellen sez Good Enuff for you. i sez Speak when yure Spoken to and we got in a Fite, and Paw sez all we wud get wud be Jack Dempsys Wish Bone if we diddent be quiet.

PAW'S SPEECH

Paw is got to make a Speech next Weak at a Meeting his club is goin to have and he sez he wud rather take a Beatin and a Punch in the Eye for good Meazure, but he sed the Honor of the Nobel Jenks Family is at Steak and he will Speechify or Bust, but he gesses it will be Bust.

Paw sez if he gets the Speech all Rote out he will forget what he Rote and if he jest Depends on what he can Think up to say why he wont be abel to Think a Tall, so their he is. Paws Speech cums after the Eats and he sez the Banquit will jest mean goin thru the Moshuns and he wont know if he is eatin Turkey or Sardines and every thing will taste alike to Him. Paw sez thats the worst part of Picken on a Guy for a Speech. if they wud let Him get up and make a Fool of Hisself as soon as the Dog Fite starts it wuddent be so bad and he wud at least get a Good Meel out of it, but when the Speechifyin is suppozed to be did after the Eats why he aint got aneymore Appatite than a Wood Pecker with the Head Ake.

Paw wuz talkin to Maw about it last Nite and sez a Guy wuz Tellin him all a Fella needed to do to make a Good Speech wuz to lern to Think on his Feet and the rite things for him to say wud jest cum Natchural, but Paw sez when he gets up on his Feet his Branes Flys out of the Winda and he jest Looks like a Fish that is pulled out of the Water and all he knows is he wants to get back whear he wuz reel Quick. Paw sez he admits he got a Brane or 2 but when he gets up to make a Speech his

Dome feels as Empty as a Babys Rattel and the Noize he makes is jest about as Sensibel.

I aint much on Speakin Peaces Myself and when we got Publick Speakin at School i always feel jest like i do at Home when i brake a Winda or Smash sumthing and am waiten till Paw cums Home to see what he is goin to do about it. onct at School i had a Peace called Horashus at the Brige and it wuz a peace of Poetry about a Guy that Picked a Cuppel of other good Guys and kep a Hole Army frum marchin acrost a Brige and all that Stuff but i got her mixed up pertty bad and made Horashus jump in the Crick in the Rong Verse and the part at the Tale end i pertty near forgot all about but Miss Tinkle promptid me and i got Old Horashus and his Gang fixed up pertty Good but i wuz jest about as Glad when the Fite wuz over as Horashus wuz.

Speakin Peaces is all rite but ide rether be the one the Peace is Spoke at than the one that does the Speakin.

A STRANGER IN THE HOUSE

Last Nite Mary Ellen brung Home a funnie littel Jigger she got down at Reeds Drug Store and the Name of it is a Incents Burner and White Pants bot it for her and you burn stuff in it that looks like Mud but it aint.

The Ideeas of this hear Jigger is to make the House smell Nice and Paw sez he dont see the Necessitty for it becauze we have Cabbige pertty offen up to our House.

But this is a Komical littel Do Hickey. it looks like a Chineyman and he is kinda Sitten down on his Feet and his Mouth is Open and when you lite this hear stuff that looks like Mud but aint and put Him down over top of it why this hear Smoke that kinda Stinks kinda Pleazant cums out of his Mouth and goes all over the House jest like Flys or Sumthing and you can Smell it Upstares and Downstares and in the Ladys Chamber like it sez in the Potery. thats a pertty good one aint it for me to think up but im kinda Slick that way if i do got to say it Myself.

Paw pertended he diddent like the Smell of this Chineyman Smoke and sez im afrade its that Chinks Pig Tale thats on Fire insted of the Punk, and Paw sez when that their White Pants cums up hear and Eazes Hissself down into one of our Parler Chairs and lites one of them Pole Cat Ciggarets he Smokes, and this hear Chineymans Pig Tale is on Fire at the Same Time we will haff to Borrey a set of Gas Masks frum the War Departmint if we Xpect to pull thru the Evening. Paw sez he thot he had

Smelld the worst Smell their wuz to Smell when he Smelld that Last Eleckshun Ciggar a Fella give him the other Nite, but he sez if White Pants and Hing Lee get workin together a Eleckshun Ciggar will smell as Sweet as Fryin Ham to a Hungrie Camper.

Mary Ellen put a Peace of Punk under Hing Lee last Nite after she lit it and then went upstairs Sniffen around and sayin it Smelled Heavenly and while she wuz gettin Reddy to go out i got a littel Peace of Rag out of the Shoe Box on the Back Porch and put it over the Punk under Hing Lee, and in a Minnet it diddent Smell Heavenly a tall and Maw wuz Smellin in the Cellar Way and all around and wuz afrade the House wuz on Fire, and Mary Ellen cum down and they Smelled all around till they got close to the Chineyman and when i saw Mary Ellen run over to it i Hurreyed out the Kitchen Door and Stayed till she wuz gone, and then when i cum in Maw jest Skolded me a littel.

But Paw sez he gesses their aint aney Harm in Hing Lee Smoken a littel Punk and mebbie it will help keep the Muskeetas away you cant tell.

BLOODY ATER POETRY

Yesturday Miss Tinkle sez Everybuddy had to rite a Pome which Miss Tinkle sez wuz good Traneing and made Everybuddy get ust to the gentle forms of Expreshun and she sez mite have a Tendency to Reform sum of us kinda ruff Boys.

This hear is the way my Pome went which is pertty Swell if i do say so Myself. it went like this hear

The Birds are singen Sweetlie
but they mussent get two Gay
or they will get there Tales froze off
if up here in the North they stay.

You mite think on ackount of it bein so good and Rimein and Everything that this is all of it but it aint. theres 2 Verses which makes it a Regular Pome and much better than sum of the other Kids which onlie had one Verse in them and diddent have near as much Class to them as mine. this hear is the way Num. 2 Verse went

The Summers jest about all done
and Fall will soon be here
i dont kno why they call it Fall
but they do so every Year.

Aint that pertty Classie. we got lots of Pomes in our Grammer that dont Rime near as good as that. Miss Tinkle smild reel Nice and Frendly when she red mine and sez Samuel i see you decided to make yours Rime if it killed you, which she ment by that i had the rite Dope on it and new a Pome wuddent be a Pome a tall onless it Rimed.

Skinney had a littel Mizzerabel Pome with onlie
one Verse in it and it diddent have near the Class
to it that mine did. hes sez like this

Summers cummin to a end
Winter will soon be in our midst .
but darn the Skratchy Under Shirts
at them i shake my Fists.

Miss Tinkle sez to Skinney Goodniss Grashus
you mussent drag in such Personel matters like
that, and Skinney sez well Miss Tinkle i aint the
onlie one, Everybuddy wares Under Shirts, and
Miss Tinkle past on to the next Kid. but i think
Skinneys is rotten becauze midst dont even begin
to Rime with Fists. Reds wuz pertty good and
Rimed up Swell but it wuzzent as good as mine.
His Pome went like this hear

Fair well poor ole Summer
nows the Time for Cider
but if you to the Celler go
watch out for a Bloomin Spider.

Miss Tinkle sez Red diddent need to ring in
Words that wuzzent in the Dickshunary jest for
the sake of Emfasis, which means puttin lotsa Pep
in what you say, and also she sez Reds idea of the
change in Seazuns seams pertty closely connected
with his Stummick.

GENERAL PHILOSOPHY

Well its gettin kinda Cool now and Winter will soon be hear which will be verie Misforchunate becauze Swimmen cant be Enjoyed and Kites Flu and Marbels Played and Baesball Games held and all that stuff did which is much Pleazanter than goin to School.

Every Time i cum Home and my Hare is wet frum goin Swimmen Maw gives me the Dickens on ackount of it bein two Cool and ile get my Deth of Cold and ketch Rumatizem or Sumthing, but it will haff to be Sumthing else and not the Rumatizem becauze i carry 2 Horse Chess Nuts one in each Pants Pockit and a Guy cant Impossibly get the Rumatizem if he carrys Horse Chess Nuts. Maw wuddent notice if my Hare wuz wet or not but that Hawk Eye of a Mary Ellen she sees everything thats none of her Bloomin Bizness and she will Holler out Rite away O Maw Samuel has been in Swimmen agen and you and Paw told him not to.

Girls is all rite and Kinda Usefull if they can Bake Pies and all that but their two Nebby and Minden other Peepils Bizness is one of the things they are best at Espechullie Mary Ellen.

But like i sez about the Wether it soon wont be Beautyfull aney more with the Birds singen Sweetly and Silently and all that nice Stuff which Summer is grate for, but pertty Soon the Snow will be Snowin and Everybuddy will haff to put on their Skratchy Underware and get new Rubbers which is a Sissy thing to ware and i always got a lot of Trubbel keepin frum warein becauze Maw and

Mary Ellen and Ant Aggie pesters me all the Time and they watch my Feet jest like a Black Smith is always lookin at a Horses Feet onlie mine aint as big of Coorse, but White Pants is becauze Paw sez the other Nite that White Pants, who is Mary Ellens Fella, is got the Biggest Pare of Feet west of the Mrs. Sippa and when he puts them on the Rug in our Parlor you cant see a Singel one of the Roses on the Rug and all you can see is a littel bit of the Plane part of the Carpit and onless you ast White Pants to Park his Flat Boats out in the Hall till you looked around why you wuddent kno that the Jenks Familly had a Swell Parler Carpit with more Roses on it than their is in 10 Rolls of the Swellest Wall Paper.

But of coorse even if we are Sad and Mizzerabel frum knowin the Song Birds is eether got to go South or get there Tales Froze off we get Happy agen when we think about all the Injoymint that can be had frum Sled Riden and Skatin and throwin Snow Balls and also washin Peepils Face with Snow which is verie Pleazint and funnie if you do it to Sumbuddy else but kinda Misforchunate when its did to you.

WHITE PANTS' MOUSTACHE

Mary Ellens Fella whoze name is White Pants, or i mean thats what Paw and me calls him but his Rite Name is Elmer is Growin a Mustach and we have lotsa Fun up at our House Teezin Mary Ellen about it.

Paw sez last Nite at the Supper Tabel he sez you know i bin lookin close at that Yung Man for a good while and i wuz just gettin reddy to ask him what kinda Soap he uzed because i wuz afrade it wuzzent doin the Work, when all of a sudden it Doned on me that the Boy wuz tryin to grow a littel Shrubbery on his Face.

And then Paw lade his Nife and Fork rite down on his Plate and laffed and laffed and it made Mary Ellen offle Mad and she sez well most Classie Men ware Mustashes and Paw sez yes i notice the Kizer does Sport one now that you Menshun it, and Mary Ellen sez O Elmers is a Different kind and izzent one of them Crazie turned up ones, its smaller and neeter. and Paw sez yes its small all rite so small he almost has to sit on a Buddys Lap for them to see it. and he sez im sure it duzzent Turn up because it aint out far enuff yet to Deside if its goin to turn North or South.

Then Paw ast Mary Ellen what color Elmers wuz Xpected to be when it arrives and she sez kinda mad like that she diddent kno and Paw sez No i gess it will be a Month or 2 before Elmer does cether.

Paw sez sum how or other our Family aint ever bin used to Shrubbery on there Faces and they

always tride to jest Decorate them with a Sunny Smile and let them go at that. Paw sez to me, jest kidden Mary Ellen, he sez Stub dont you let the Xample of this hear Yung Man ever put it in yure Head to Disgrace the Jenks Familly when you grow up. he sez always try to Remember that yure Mother wuz a Smooth Faced Womman and yure Paw wuz so Handsum that it wuda bin a waist of Time for him to Trifel with aney Bushes or Brussels Sprouts on his Face. use lots of Soap and Shine yure Face well, but as long as old Man Gillet is on the Job, dont let yure Whiskers tell the rest of yure Face whear to get off at.

Mary Ellen wuz gettin madder and madder and Paw wuz talken jest as Seareous as if he wuz tellin Maw about the Grocery Bill or sumthing, and he sez Stub my Boy take an Xample frum this Yung Man who will ruin his Eyesite watchin in the Glass for that Eye Brow to cum out and then will haff to Waist most of his Time after it cums out Xplainen to Everybuddy that their aint aneything Rong with his Face and he means it to be that way.

THANKSGIVING REGRETS

Well, hear its Thanksgiving Nite and the Holliday is all over and Jack Dempsy is et up which wuz the Name of our Thanksgiving Turkey and the Name Paw called him becauze he wuz so big and also a Fiter and wud try to Pick you if you went two near his Pen which i had to do every Day on ackount of Feedin him so he wud get Fatter and Fatter.

When Paw cut his Head off so Maw and Aunt Aggie cud fix him up and put the Stuffin in him Paw sez he wuz almost afrade to Handel him for Fear he wud turn on Him and get him Down, and Paw sed he diddent kno if his rite Arm wuz Strong enuff to Ax him or not, and he sed he had a Noshun to take Him down to the Rail Road and hold his Neck on the Track for the Train to Run over, but he wuz afrade he wud Reck the Train and mebbie get put in Pale

Of coorse Paw wuz onlie Foolin but jest the same that Jack Dempsy wuz sum Turkey ile tell the World. we had Aunt Mary and littel Eddy and a Hole mess of cumpany for Dinner which is verie Onlucky and Misforchunate becauze Samuel, which i am him, always got to take Necks and Wings when Cumpany cums for Dinner. Paw had to Stand up to Karve that Turkey and had a turribel Time and onct he sez well i gess we will haff to give up Surgery and do a littel Blastin if we want to make an Impresshun on this Bird of Pray. but after bit he got it all Cut up and i made out pertty good Considerin how much Cumpany wuz to see the Jenkses.

We had Punkin Pie and Cranberrys and Red Appels all scooped out and filled up with Messey Stuff that tasted good, and Coconut Cake and Everything. well, you mite kno how much we had becauze i Eat till i cud still Chew but cuddent Swalley and their still wuz lots left.

Thanksgiven is a grate Day yure ment to be offle Thankfull and eat Turkey and Punkin Pie, and of coorse i am Thankfull for my Blessings like havein 3 more Days off before i got to go back to School and all that, but i kinda think havein Punkin Pie and Turkey is Importanter than bein Thankfull becauze you can be Thankfull every Day in the Year if you want to and dont forget, but you cant eat Turkey and Punkin Pie every Day, becauze if you cud Peepil wuddent be Worreyin about if they are goin to Heavin or if they aint becauze what wud be the use, with all that Turkey and Punkin Pie around.

OPINIONS ON FRACTIONS

We are havin Frackshuns now at School in our Rithmatick Class and i think they are the worst Suckers their is and it is verie Misforchunate for a Class when they get to that part of the Book.

When a Fella got to be foolin around with a Hole mess of Numbers and addin them and dividen them and all that stuff its bad enuff and wud set a Guy Crazie which it almost did me besides gettin me into a Cuppel of Lickens and stayin in after School and all that, so you can see Numbers is bad things to Fool with and a Fella ott to let them alone onlie Teachers wont do it and they always want to kno about how maney Akers of a Feald A can mow and how maney Yards of a Ditch B can dig and how much Munney C got left after he bot a Horse and all that stuff which is crazie aneyhow because if C had lots of Munney he wud buy a Fliver and Nobuddy buys Horses aneyhow but Ash Men and Rag Pellers, aint it so.

But like i wuz sayin its bad enuff when a Guy got to be Foolin with all these hear Numbers but in Frackshuns everie Number is got a half or a Corter or a third or sumthing like that on the End of it and it wud be all rite if you cud jest never mind about these hear littel haffs and things thats left over, but Teachers is Stingy as the Dooce and you got to keep all these haffs and things and show whats did with all them Frackshuns.

I think its Baby play to be worreyed about if each Appel cost B a cent and a Haff and i dont think a Guy ott to be so Stingy he wud Worrey

not bein at School. well at the Supper Tabel he wuz tellen about Mister Kollins fallen down Stares and laffen about it and i sez wuzzent it Kommical the way he wuz burryed under the Matteress and Paw sez deed it wuz but how did you happen to be at the Seen of Ackshun and i sez o a Fella Told me, and Paw sez cum Hear and then he Smelled my Coat and sez thats the best Evidence in the World Yung Man that you forgot all yure George Washington Trainen, now he sez, what did you want to tell a lie for.

And then i up and told Paw all about it and how we helped pull the Hook and Ladder and he sez Yes you Yung Heros saved the Day so you did, becauze if you haddent Helped the Hook and Ladder men wuddent a got there in Time to see the House Burn up. but then he sez i gess we will Pass it up this Time but the next Time the Fire Wissel blows stick yure Fingers in Yure Ears and tend to yure Sums and Things becauze we got aney Number of brave men in this hear Town who are onlie 2 glad to Run and see a House burn Down and the Brave Firemen dont need any Kids to be took out of School to help them watch the conflagrashun, which that last big Word means just a kommon Fire but is just one of the big Fancy Words thats got up to make a Fella miss his Spellin.

SCHOOL ROOM ETHICS

You kno that Soffie Wingate is a Swell Sensibel Girl which is the onlie kind i got aney Time for and she is in my Room and aint like other Girls on ackount of bein much nicer and we are good Friends, which Everybuddy ott to be even if they aint both Boys aint it so.

Soffie sits rite in the seat back of me and offen gives me her Rithmatick to copy which she is verie good at and i aint so good so she helps me out. thats the rite way to be i think always kind and Frendly and let People peep over yure Shoulder and see how yure Work is did, and even copie it if Necessarie and it will keep you frum havin to stay in, which is Mizzerazel Punishmint and worse than gettin a Licken, espechully if the Wether is injoyable and you got a Game on with yure Teem after School.

Miss Tinkle sez its Turribel to Copie Work and Prompt each other and all that, but of coorse Teachers is suppozed to say that and pertend its like Stealin Munney and verie Disgracefull. But if they wuz the Pupills insted of the Teacher i gess they wud take a little Squint at Sumbuddy's Paper if they got a Chance and diddent know there Lesson, dont you bet they wud. i dont believe in copyin or lookin at other Peoples paper if you kno yure Lesson pertty good, but if you are misforchunate and dont kno it, and mebbie had a bad Head Ake and diddent get a Chance to Studie, dc you think its a Crime to jest take a littel teeny Peep to Freshen up yure Memorie like Miss Tinkle sez. Jest a littel Peep often gives you the Idea and you

can go rite a head, and its jest like getten Incouragemint to do yure Work rite, so i dont think its so bad. Of coorse if a Fella knos his Lessun he aint got any Bizziness looken around and ott to jest look on his own Paper.

Well aneyhow Soffie is havin a Party on Satterday and im invited and Red and Skinney issent so you see Soffie thinks im all rite. Harvey is invited two but i think she jest ast him becauze they live across the Street and she thot she ott to on ackount of them bein Naybors. its a Birthday party and a Presint is got to be brot but i dont kno what it will be yet, but it got to be Sumthing pertty nice becauze Soffie is a fine Girl and much nicer than Ordinary Girls. Ile tell you all about the Party after it is held which i Xpect to have a good Time at and i kno the Eats will be grate becauze Soffie had a Party last Year and we had verie Injoyabel Eats.

A PRESENT FOR A LADY

That wuz sum Party i wuz at on Saturday which wuz in Onner of Soffie Wingates Birthday and i had a swell Time the best part of which wuz the Classie Eats we had, also sum grate Games and on top of Gettin lots of Cake and almost as much Ice Cream as i cud eat but not quite i also won a Prize and pertty near won Two Prizes and had a swell and Injoyabel Time.

I took Soffie a swell Pare of Hare Ribbens for a Presint and she sez O Stubby their two Sweet for Words where in the World did you get them and i sez Maw got them rite down at Goldmans and they cost 89 Cents which Maw give me the Dooce for when i got Home and Mary Ellen sez you Shame us everie Place you go, but i thot mebbie Soffie wud think they onlie cost a Corter and wuz cheap ones and i wanted her to kno they wuzzent. you cant tell she mite a thot they wuz sum of Mary Ellens washed up and Ironed nice frum the Time she wuz littel and we had them left over, aint it so.

But the Party wuz Swell and the Eats wuz Sweller, which you can talk as you Please but i think is a Important part of a Party dont you. we had Ice Cream in Bricks which is a good way to get it because its Packed tite and you get more and their wuz a red streak and a green one and a white one and Harvey and me got in a Argumint frum him sayin the Green one wuz Blue and the Colors wuz suppozed to be red white and blue and i sez it wuzzent and he sez it wuz. and Mister Wingate sez whats the trubbel Boys and i told Him and he sez

lets not draw the Color line so tite and lets eat up and Forget it but it wuz pail green and you cant fool me.

And then we had swell littel Cakes that wuz pertty Skinny and it took a good Maney of them to kno you had aney but they sure tasted grate and i et mebbie 20 i gess but they had lots of them, 4 big Plates full of them and Harvey sez kinda quite you ott to leave sum of them for Sumbuddy else and i sez this aint yure Party and Everybuddy brung a nice Presint and they got lots of every thing so Everybuddy cud eat all they want and i gess you aint Payin for them and Misses Wingate sez whats the Trubbel Boys and i sez O nothing because we wuz Gests and of coorse you aint suppozed to talk about how much their is to Eat in front of People, but they had lots aneyhow and when Misses Wingate sez Samuel wont you have sum more Cream i sez i dont care if i do kinda Careless and she Brung me in another big Sawser full and Harvey wuz sore because he wuz Politer than he ment to be and sez no i dont care for aney.

I Pinned the Tale rite on the Xact place on the end of the Donkey and got the Prize which wuz a Book and verie Nice onlie its about a Yung Man goin to the City and bein awful Honest and gotten Rich because hes honest and not a Crook and ide rather have a Book with Advenchure in it onlie i diddent say anything to Misses Wingate or Aneybuddy because i gess Nobuddy has aneything on me when it cums to knowin how to be Polite and Fashionabel at Partys, even if i am a Pitcher and kinda ruff among the Fellas.

A PIRATE CRUISE

Me and my Band of Bloody Ater Pirates which i am the Cheef of went on a Crooze Yesturday and our Boat Upset on the High Seas and we had a Desprit Voyage but we Capchured the Spanish Gallon all rite but we diddent get aney Peaces of Ate, which is the kinda Gold Munney Pirates always Capchured and i dont kno why they called them Peaces of Ate onless mebbie they wuz Dollers that wuz worth 8 Corters insted of 4 Corters like our Dollers, and i bet thats the reason dont you.

Well our Craft put out to Sea down by the old Tannery about 10 oclock and it wuz suppozed to put out to Sea at 9 oclock but Harveys Maw made him help turn the Washer which is a fine Job for a Pirate but he had to do it and becauze he is my Cheef Mate we cudden put out to Sea without him. well, he cum Abord and we hoisted the Jolly Roger which is a Black Flag with Skulls and X bones on it and looks pertty Skarey, but Pirates is pertty bad Guys and Everybuddy ott to be skared when they cum around. Skinney wuz the Helms Man which is the Pirate that Gides the Craft and i hol-lered Shove off reel loud like a Pirate is suppozed to, and Skinney put his Or on a Log to Shove off but the Or wuz wet and slipped and Skinney shoved off Hisself and fell in the Crick and i Hollered Man Over Board Heave Ho and i dont kno what Heave Ho means but Pirates is suppozed to holler it pertty offen and Red and Squirlic grabbed Skinney onlie his Feet wuz sticken up and they Pulled him on Board the Craft Feet first and that made his Head stay in the Water a Good while and when he got

done spitten Water out he wuz Mad as a Hornit and wuz goin to Lick Red and Squirrelie for savin Him, and i sez what Ho Men, this is Muteny in the Ranks go Below, but their wuzzent aney below in the Boat so they cuddent go Down but i jest pertendid it wuz a Regular Craft.

Well, we sailed down the Crick and away Down by Skinners Grove we seen a big Box Floatin in the middle of the Crick and i hollered Spanish Craft to Star Board which means the rite side of the Ship and i dont kno why they dont say rite but they say Star Board and we had to be Regular Pirates so Beaney turned her to the rite i mean the Star Board and we bore down on the Gallon and we all got our Sords and Cutlasses out and had a Desprit Hand to Hand fite with the Spanyards and put them to rout easy and the only Trubbel wuz one of our Men gettin Wounded and he wuz Squirrelie who got a Poke in the Eye with a Sord, which wuz a Lath but it cut his Cheek and the Blood cum a littel and we Tyed his Head up onlie we diddent have a Red Hankacheef like Pirates always has so we jest used a White one and Squirrelie wuz pertty Proud on ackount of gettin Wounded in the Fray and pertended it wuz the Spanish Cheef insted of Red that Poked him. well we pulled up along side of our Prize and tore sum Bords off and hear it wuz onlie a lot of old Rotten Froot and Junk in the box and we cuddent even pertend it wuz booty on ackount of it smellin pertty Bad and we shoved off agen and Rowed down the Crick till we cum to a littel Iland and we went Ashore and Crisened it Dead Mans Ile and wuz verrie sorry we diddent have aney Booty to Burrie but we are going to Capchure sum and Hide it their.

THE NEW SUIT

Well, i got a New Suit and it is some classie one and you ott to see it. i told Maw every Weak for a good while that i wuddent go to Church or any Place if i diddent get a new Suit. of course i had to go aneyhow, but i jest said that.

So Yesturday Paw come Home from the Office earlie and we went down to Goldmans and Paw sez Jake i want a Outfit for this Boy, but i dont want one Ile haff to Morgige the House to pay for, and Mister Goldman sez a nice Cheap Natty suit you want Mister Jenks rite this way. and Paw and me and Mister Goldman went back in the Corner and he slung around about a Millyun suits and i tride on Coat after Coat and sum of them wuz big enuff for Paw and others wuz littel enuff for little Eddy, whoze my Cuzzin and yells Bloody Murder if you take aneything from him or dont give him what he wants, which is the way Littel Kids take Advantage of Big People aint it so.

And after bit i tride on a Blue Serge Suit that jest fit and Paw sez how much Jake and he sez 22 \$\$, and Paw sez what for a Dozen and Mr. Goldman sez Aw now Mister Jenks 3 fifty i lose on that Suit at that Price, honest, and Paw sez well Jake i wuddent want to see you lose Munney like that so i dont think ile take it. Paw sez show me one you will make a littel on, onlie dont pick the style Coal Oil Jonnie Rockenfellers littel boy wud be wearin if he haddent gone and growd up.

So after bit i tride on a swell Gray Suit which is the one we took, and Paw sez how much and Jake

sez well i lose Munney at the Price and Paw sez wait, wait, take it off Stub, its another of the same kind. and Mister Goldman sez no no, dirt Cheap i make it at seventeen 75, and Paw sez it mite be Dirt cheap Jake but their is Gold Oar in that kind of Dirt, but i gess we will take it.

Paw sez to Jake while he wuz rappin it up, My Goodness, i use to get a hole Outfit for that price when i wuz a Growned up Man, and a pare of Socks and Suspenders throwed in and now we got to pay it for a Suit for a Kid no bigger than a Pinch of Snuff, and Jake sez Aw Mister Jenks Times is Changed, and Paw sez you bet they are becauze in the old Days they wud Linch you for a High Way Robber, and Jake sez Yes indeed Im robbin myself to make for you a price like that, Im a robber all rite, and Paw sez Haw Haw Jake youre a Grate one, and if you and that Brother Sam of yours wuz Nailed up in a Box you cud make a Livin tradein Hats cuddent you, and Jake sez yes and Id make more Profit than i do when i sell to you Mister Jenks and Paw sez Haw Haw, some Jake, and we went Home with my Swell Gray Suit, which is a fine Fit and verie Swell if i do got to say it myself.



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THE CLASSY WATCH

I gess theirs sum Class to me now, if i do say so Myself. i got a Watch that runs and Everything and its got a Black Face and in the Dark you can see the Hands and Figgers as plane as Day because they Shine jest like a Ghosts Eyes or sumthing.

The place i got this Watch at wuz frum Skinny. i gave him 17 Cents i saved and a Swell Doller and a Haff Ball that had the cover tore off but wuz Rapped with Tape and i also give him a Can of Fishen Bate and three Minney Hooks to Boot. But i got a Swell Bargen because this Watch Keeps grate Time and if you Set it in the Morning and agen when you go to Bed its onlie a littel Bit more than a Haff Hour rong when you get up in the Morning.

Skinney sez it cud be Regulated by taken the Lid off the Back and pushen a littel Hickey with a Nife or a Pin. i tride it but it lost Pertty Near a hole Hour so this Morning i put the littel Hickey back in the Same place and im goin to let its Gizzerds alone now.

I took it out Last Nite after Supper and Paw seen it and he leened over and sez Bub what have you got their, an Oil Can or sumthing. and i sez no its a Watch, and he sez Holy Mackeril i thot at first it wuz the Front off the Town Clock. then Paw sez let me see it and he Pertended it made him bend over Quick when he took a holt of it, on ackount of it bein so heavy.

Then Paw laffed a good bit at it and kidded me, which is the way Paw does but he duzzent mean

aneything. he sez you will haff to get a small Xpress Wagen to haul this peace of Hardwear if you figger on takin it around with you, and he sez How maney Hours does she gain in a Day, and i told Him it onlie lost a Haff Hour if you diddent forget to Change it Twict. then Paw went up Stares and got a Chain he ust to carry his Watch with and he give it to me and he sez a Delikate littel 3 pound Instrument like that ott to have a good Stout Chain to keap it frum gettin away and i gess this will jest fill the Bill. Paw sez it wuz one of them old fashund Chains that wuz ment for Teamsters to carry there Watches with, so whenever a Tug Chain busted he cud splice it with his Watch Chain. it is pertty Big but its a Swell Gold Chain and you ott to see the Fellas look when i went to School Yesturday and Wore it on the Front of my Waist. Skinney sez it wuz Brass but i sez yure a Lier it aint, and he diddent say yure Another becauze he knows i can trim him.

THE SPELLING BEE

We had a Spellin B in School on Friday After Noon which means all the Kids line up like one Big long Class and the Teacher asts them to Spell Words which they haff to set down if they cant Spell and i set down the verie First Time which wuz kinda Misforchunate and hard luck for me, becauze im a pertty Good Speller and i jest hap-pind to get a Bad one.

The Word Miss Tinkle give me wuz Eloqushun which is a Word that means Speakin Peaces and Wavin yure Arms kinda Graceful and Nice wile yure Talkin, and when Miss Tinkle give it to me i spelt it with a K insted of a Q so it wuz Good Nite Shirt for Samuel.

I mite make a Misteak onct in a wile but im a pertty Good Speller if i do got to say so Myself, but Paw sez im a Rotten Speller and they wuddent let me in a Old Fashund School like he ust to go to when he wuz a littel Kid. Paw sez in the Old Days when he wuz about Nee High to a Pop Bottel it diddent matter much if a Kid new weather Mexico wuz a Mountain or a Occean, or if Love wuz a Verb or a Dizease but it did matter if the Kid cud Spell or not. Paw sez they ust to have Spellin Bees every Weak and littel Teeney Kids that cuddent Blow their own Nozes wud stand up and Spell Words as long as a Barber Pole. and the Teacher never minded about the Regular Spellin Book when it cum to Spellin Bees becauze the Kids cud Spell all the Words in it up side down and Backwards and every Way. so the Teacher wud go Sneakin around

lookin in Atticks and Every Place and Dig out of the Dust old Books that Noah lerned his ABCs out of and then he wud Pick out Words that run cleen acrost the Page and it took you 5 Minnets to Say. Paw sez these old Fashund Teachers wud stand up and Fire these Words at littel Kids till they wud almost nock them over, and the Kids wud Ketch them in Middair and Rassel with them till they got them Down.

Paw sez when he wuz about as Big as a Led Pensil he cud spell Better than i can and he sez when he wuz as Big as i am now why he cud Eat up Words like i Devouer Buck Wheat Cakes.

But you cant tell and mebbie Paw is jest Foolin. Everybuddy is always tellin what a grate Child they wuz when they wuz littel, and Mary Ellen wuz always tellin how she made Hunderds and 95s and Everything when she wuz in Grammer School till one Day i found her old Report and it had lots of 60s on it and wuz so Punk you mita thot it wuz Mine, so you cant never sumtimes Tell, like Paw sez.

THE PIPE OF PEACE

Gosh but i wuz sick on Saturday. Im pertty good now but i pertty near thot i wuz a gonner for a while as i wuz sickker than i ever been before which all cum frum smoken Paws pipe which ile tell you about.

Maw sez when i got up on Saterdag Samuel your Paw sez you are to cleen the celler today and carry out the ashes and beleeve me thats a dickens of a job and i dont like it but got to do it sumtimes. Well i just started when i heard Red Obrien whissle which i new he would as we had it all fixed up to go skaten on Sulfer crick and i went out and their wuz Red and Skinney all with there skates and everything. well i went in and ast Maw and she sez i cuddent go till i got all the ashes out and the celler cleened. and then Red and Skinney sez theyd help me and we could get threw quick.

Well we made the ashes fly ile tell you and wuz pertty near done when among the old stuff that wuz throwed down celler we found a old Pipe of Paws which was throwed away because the end of the stem wuz busted off. and Red sez lets have a littel smoke and i sez we aint got no Tobacca and he sez get sum of yure Paws. i wuz kind of afrade Maw would find out but i snuck upstares and got a little out of the poke Paw keeps on the Kitchen shelf and brung it down and we loaded up the old hod as Skinney called it which is a nickname for a pipe.

Then Red sez now we will be Indians smoken the pipe of Piece and we will pass her around. he took

the first puff or 2 and then he give it to Skinney and grunted like a Indien and sez heap good and Skinney took a cupple of puffs and sez yes heap good and grunted and sez its a littel strong tho and cofferd a littel and then i took 3 puffs and sez yes him heap good piece pipe and then give her back to Red and we kep passen her around and after bit when it wuz Skinneys turn he sez the smoke kinda hurts my eyes and i gess the Counsil of War is been held long enuff. But Red he grunted like a Indien and sez Bah you just paleface and ack like Squaw which you kno is an Indien wommen. And me and Red had some more puffs and after bit i sez i diddent want aney more as i fealt kinda funnie and Red he put the pipe down and all at once he leened over and vommitted to beet the band and i fealt turrible sick and set rite down on the pile of ashes and so did Skinney who sez that Tobacca must a been poizened and i feal as if i wuz goin to die and just then Maw came down and sez Samuel are you all done and then she seen us sittin their and she sez Heavens whats rong and then she smelled the smoke and picks up the pipe of piece which wuz layen on the floor and she took me by the ear and sez to Red and Skinney you young villens get rite home and they went out the celler door walken kinda slow and went home i gess becauze i wuz to sick to care if they went or not.

Well when Paw come home at dinner time of coorse Maw had to up and tell him and i thot ide get licked but he just kinda grinned and sez pertty sick was you and i sez yessir and he sez yes, that fine cut is pertty stout Tobacca. i fealt pertty good towards supper time but i diddent care for aney dinner.

CONCERNING PLUMBERS

Our House wuz all tore up somethin turrible yesturday as the Plummers wuz their fixen the busted pipes or tryen to, which they diddent do. You kno they busted a bout a week ago and the Plummers come and monkeyed with them a cupple of days but they wuz busted under the Bathroom floor and they cudden seam to fix them and the water leeked and dripped down in the Kitchen and Maw wuz turrible mad and is yet, sayen the Plummers dont kno there buziness.

Paw sez he wishes he wuz a Plummer as he did dent never like the idea of worken very hard and thinks he would get along pertty good at the buziness. He sez all Plummers he ever new had a bad case of the Hookworm which is a diseese which is just an xcuse for bein lazie i gess. Paw sez when you send for Plummers you shuddent do it until you deliberate long and carefull like you would if you wuz goin to morgage your little Home becauze the chances are you wont never have a dollar you can call your own again.

He sez then when you make up yure mind and take the Fatal step and call them up they are prompt and come rite away, not the regular Plummers he sez but the Scout who walks in and takes notes of how yure House is furnished and what yure worth and all that. Then if he dont forget he takes a look at the pipes before he leeves and mebbie agrees with you that their is somethin the matter with them.

Then Paw sez if yure a christen Gentelman and got lots of payshence mebbie the next day you


will be rewarded by havin the advance Gard come and do a little more Scout duty. And then he will kinda Disapeer again and after wile there will be two more Plummer magnates come again but they wont stay long because they will suddinly remember that they got to have some tools if their goin to do the job. Well, he sez after a splendid Campaign in which all the forces is brot into play they will one fine day take off their coats and fix the spiggot or pipe or whatever is rong in a few minutes, after they have all been around long enuff that you feal they are members of the Familly and yure thinken about asken them to stay and take their meals with you. Yes Paw sez its downrite lonesome around the House after they call off there forces and dessert you.

Then he sez along in a little wile you get the bill. After yure recovered frum the turrible blow to yure system that you get when you see it and yure able to be about again, he sez you go back to yure work determined to do yure part like a man and pay it off even if you do got to give up the idea of havin a vacation next summer or any other nonsense like that, which no serious man thats got the strength of caracter to send for Plummerns hadent ought to consider. Of coorse Paws just foolin when he sez all like that but Plummerns is robbers all rite as Everybuddy sez so.

FICKLE ENGLISH

Gosh but i hate Grammer and have a Dickens of a time getten along in Grammer class at school which i dont care whether i get along good or not onlie Miss Tinkle raises Cain and makes me stay in and all that kinda Bizness.

I think its all pertty foolish aneyhow because what diffrence does it make if you say isnt the Flowers pertty or aint the Flowers pertty, none a tall i gess but Miss Tinkle and all Teachers think so and put up a holler if you dont talk sissie talk like they do. Yesterday i lost my gloves in the Clook room at school and pertty soon i found them as they wuz all mixed up with some other Fellas gloves and i sez when i found them these hear are mine, and Miss Tinkle who wuz standen their she called me down and sez Samuel what you should of sed wuz these are they. What do you know about that. These are they, aint that reguler sissie talk. it sure is and it just sounds like the way Pertty Jones talks. And another day i wuz tellen about getten a Cuckcoon which Miss Tinkle wanted to put up in our room at school and she asked me how i got it and i sez i clum up a little tree and pulled it off a branch and she pertty near had a fit and sez it wuz turrible rong to say clum which i think is a good word and everybuddy knos what it means. So the next time she wants a Cuckcoon she can just get Pertty Jones or Sumbuddy that always climes and never sez clum to get it for her. But if she gets Pertty to get it she will get fooled as he cant clime a tree aneymore than a Rabbit can



and would run and holler for Sumbuddy to get him a ladder and then i gess he would be afrade to go up on that.

But as i wuz sayen Histrey and Geograffy aint so bad to studie but Grammer takes the cake and aint no good after you do kno it which i never do. Miss Tinkle sez i talk like a Barbarien but just the same she always knows what i mean and i dont need to repeet it so i gess i can talk as good as the next one as far as bein sensibel and sayen what you mean comes in. Of coorse if it come to talken just like it is in the book and like Miss Tinkle and Pertty Jones does then i gess im a Piker.


MISS TINKLE'S TURKEY

A cupple of days before Christmas our school decided to give Miss Tinkle sumthing sutable for a gift and as we diddent know what else to get we decided to get her a Turkey. theres fourty in our Room and we each donated ten cents making \$four. Harvey Small and me wuz picked to buy the Turkey which was all rite as it had to be bot while school wuz goin on and we mist some lessuns which wuz fine.

Well we got the Turkey at Millwoods Butsher shop and it was a fine animal. it wuz \$four and 25 cents regular but we told Mr. Millwood about it bein for charity and we wuz goin to make a gift of it to Miss Tinkle and he just laffed and give us the Turkey and took the Munney which we hated to part with bein a nice little Pile of nickells and Dimes, then he meanen Mr. Millwood laffed some more and give us each a nice big chunk of Bolonay.

Well we started to school with the Turkey but he wuz kinda Restless and kept jumpen around in My Arms and a cupple of times he nearly got away. when he flopped his wings it wuz turrible hard to hold him. And then as unfortune would have it we met Dinkey Johnsson who wuz just getten over the Meezils and cuddent go to School. Dink is just a little shrimp. My Paw sez hes only knee high to a Pop bottle. But aneyhow Harvey and me wuz admiren how strong the Turkey wuz when i sed lets let Dink hold him and see if he can rase him off his feet meanen Dinks feet.

Well when we got up to whare Dink wuz he ast Me for a peace of my Bolonay which i wuz still



eaten, and then i winked at Harvey and sed sure just hold Mr. Turk and Ile cut off a peace for you. Well as soon as he took Mr. Turk he meanen the Turkey let out a turrible gobbel and spread out his wings which he flopped to beat the Band. poor little Dink hung on while he wuz laffen fit to die. He wuz standen on a slippy place and tryin to hold the Turkey and he slipped and fell down and released his grip on Mr. Turkey who went salen down the Street.

As We wuz the Comeittie supozed to Present the Gift and they wuz waiten on us at School we tore down the Street after Mr. Turk who wuz a Peach of a runner haven got the string on his legs loose. Well he meanen the Turkey ran rite down Maine street with us tearen along after Him. He run under the turngate at the Public Squair and flew up on top of the big Cannon which is a Ornament there. Harvey went on one side and me on the other and pertty near got him but just as i grabbed away he went and everybuddy laffed at us fit to die. He just flew over the fence like a Sparro and across the Street where he ran into the back yard of the Phenix hottel. After he flew offa the Cannon i ran after him but forgot that he could fly and i cuddent so when he flew over the fountain i wuz rite after him and fell in the water and got turrible wet.

Well a Man kot him in the hottel yard and gave him to us and i wuz mad enuff to ring his neck. of coorse i mean the Turkeys neck as we was very gratefull to the Man. well i had to go home to get dry Cloze and by that time School wuz left out so we put the Turkey in our cellar and gave him to Miss Tinkle the next day.

THE PRESENTATION

Well we got that Turkey gave to Miss Tinkle all rite as i wuz goin to tell you. She Miss Tinkle i mean certunly seamed to appresheate the Turkey as a Chrismas Gift. We prezentedit after the clozing Xercises the last Day of School. well you know Harvey Small and me tide its legs and put it the Turkey i mean out in the Hall back of the door and when the time cum for the prezenten of it i ast to go out meanen of course to get the Turkey but Miss Tinkle sez No Samuel we shall Dismiss soon and i sez its important but she says no Samuel i have concluded that you abuse this privilage. you must wait with the others.

Well i diddent kno what to do and then i thot of a good Plan. i waited a minute and when She wuzzent looken i held my hand over my Nose and put the other one up rite quick and waved it and Harvey Small who understood my Plan he yelled Stubbys Nose is bleeden and Miss Tinkle who is scared of Blood sez certunly hurry out to the water Samuel and i hurried.

Well i got the Turkey and as i diddent haff to wash off any Blood as there wuzzent any to wash off i brung in the Turkey. Well Miss Tinkle she wuz so supprized and kinda happy and laffen that i forgot all about her promisen to make me stay in after Chrismas and learn the Speach i wuz to have for the Xercizes and diddent learn but she wuz Scared to take Mr. Turkey so i sez ide just Deliver it for her to Evanses which is where she boards.

And then Miss Tinkle she made a speech and sez a lot aboute the spiritt of Chrismas and the

spiritt of given and it wuz not the gift that counted but the feelings of the giver. And then i thought She ought to know about him beein a good Turkey and costing reguler more than \$four so i told her about it costen \$four and 25 cents and us tellen Mr. Millwood it wuz for charity and we wuz goin to give it to our teacher and then him given it to Us for a Cheeper Price. She looked kinda funney for a minnet and then laffed a little and put her Hand on My head and sez my heart wuz rite which i thought wuz kinda funney as Mary Ellen whose my Sister always sez i am the hardest Harted young scoundril that ever lived.


THAT CHRISTMAS DINNER

Well we had a Fine time up to our House on Christmas only i got Sick in the evening on Ackount of having et to much which wuz kind of unhandy on that Occashun.

You kno Stummicks is cureous things. They feal kinda funney if their emptie and They feal a hole lot funnier if They are to full Espechully with the Rich Artickles of food which is most usually et on Christmas. You kno when You are Hungrie and see a Lot of good Things You think You could eat them All but after You eat them You find You cant unless You dont mind feelin Sick which i do.

And Paw when i wuz feelin turriblest just laffed at me and sez to Maw that Samuel meanen Me would not need aney Meels for a week or so which i agreed with Him at that pertickuler Time but not later. and then Maw sez yes Christmas without Samuel eaten to much and getten Sick would be like Christmas without aney Christmas tree as we have One every ear you kno.

Aunt Aggie sed Caster Oil has been the dessert for young Gluttens every time since she wuz a Girl and to get the Bottle out. She just bosses me like Maw you kno. Paw just stood and laffed at me when the Caster Oil made me sicker than ever and sez the World is still the same old place and Times hasent changed so much as he thinks sometimes. Well i fealt kinda bad but i went to bed earlie and was alrite next Morning, but Paw he laffed at me at Breckfust and sez Stubby you musta put in a hard nite, you look blue under the Gills.



he onlie calls me Stubby when he is maken fun of me and i just sez im alrite but i only et One Egg for Breckfust which is unusual and Paw noticed it.

Aunt Aggie wuz sick on ackount of haven et some Wolnuts which she sez never agreas with her and i ast her why she ever et them which made her kinda mad and she sez we all do foolish things sumtimes and i ast her if she wanted Me to get her the Caster Oil and she shivered and sez tend to yure Breckfust young man and Paw kinda laffed but then he looked mad and sez thats enuff from You Samuel when he saw Aunt Aggie wuz lookin at him.

And then Paw began to talk about some of the Chrismas presents he got and sez his mind wuz considerabel releevd and his grate Desire had been reealized now that he had that grand wispbroom holder which one of our Relashuns Aunt Ellen got him.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Chrismas is over now and we are all talken about Presints and Things up to our House. Paw sez the only fine thing about this Bizness of given is that it gives some Hartless persons a chance to get even with their Enemeys. among the gifts that wuz Give to Paw this Chrismas wuz a Box of Segars which wuz turrible. Paw he lit one after Dinner on Chrismas and he took a cupple of puffs and then he sez now i kno why the Solgers in the War fott so wicked like, it is becauze their wuz wimmens clubs organized to keep the poor Solgers in Tobacco and smoken the kinda seegars they got its a Supprise to me the Men in the same armys diddent start fighten each other. You kno Aunt Aggie bot Paw the seegars but he diddent laff at them when she wuz around. She sez to Paw how do you like them segars and he sez their fine. And then she sez yes them is a speshul brand and Paw sez yes i never smoked aney just like Them before.

Paw got two neck ties and i cud bust laffen at them as their so loud and Paw he sez if he just hated Aneybuddy bad enuff he would give them the ties but he sez he has always led a good Christun life and while he dont like some Folks on general Principals yet he wudent be mean enuff to take such Revenge on Them.

It seams to me as if Chritsmas presints is something you dont want but Yure mad as the Dickens if you dont get. For instunce Aunt Aggie give me the life of Washington in two volyums. i thot it wuz fine when i first got it but gee when i started

to read it why it made me sleepy. Nothen hardly a tall in it about all the good fighten and Advenchures he had but mostly about his speeches and goens on in Congriss and other Bizness places, which goes to show aneyhow that what i sed is true as ide been awful mad is Aunt Aggie hadent gave me aneything a tall.

Paw he gave me 50c to get her i mean Aunt Aggie a presint and i got her a fine big Seeshell with pink around the edges and a grand View inside if you peep threw the end which is what i consider a sensibel presint bein very entertanen and instructive to study the funney kinds of shells and fish and things that can be seen inside the big shell.

But aneyhow its just like in everything else as some People uses lots of good judgmint in byen Chrismas presints and other folks dont.

THE TOOTH ACHE

It seams like every Gosh darn Winter i get a Turribel Tooth Ake which is offle to have and you mite as well be Dead aint it so.

And Teeths is the worst Suckers like that becauze they always start to raze Cain at Nite when its offle Cold and Peeple is suppozed to be a Sleep which cant be did when yure Tooth akes. Mine started last Nite. first i tride not to Holler becauze i new for sure that Maw and Aunt Aggie wud get up and make Messy Poletices which you mite as well put Buck Weat stuff on yure face as that and it feals offle messy.

But after a Bit it aked worsen and worsen and i wuz kinda hollern Ow my Tooth and all like that, and Maw she cum over to my Room and sez Samuel what ails you and then Paw hollered whoze gotten Killed which is the funnie way he thinks it is to have the Tooth Ake and dont kno how it hurts. and then Aunt Aggie got up also and her and Maw got in a argumint becauze Maw sez we ott to put white of Egg Poletice on it and Aunt Aggie sez no Fat Meet and Pepper which is worsen than aneything and you mite as well Pour Butter down a Fellas Neck but it wuz the kind they fixed and put it on which it diddent do aney good and it aked nearlie all Nite aneyhow.

And then the next Day Maw sez i told you if you run around in the Snow and get wet yude get yure Feet wet and Aunt Aggie sez yes and i told Him Repeatidly which is a good maney Times and is the way Aunt Aggie always tells People things,

and that is a grate Idee a Maw and Wimmen is got about getten yure Feet wet makin yure Tooth ake which sounds kinda Fishey becauze the Water mite Soak up as high as Yure Nees or Sumthing but wuddent never get cleer up to yure Jaw, aint it so.

Paw sez if it wuzzent for the Tooth Ake he mite sumtimes beleve their wuzzent aney Bad Place which he calls by the rite Name sumtimes when he is Mad but he sez on ackount of bein attached to the Tooth Ake in his Yunger Days and havin a Good Memorie like he got, why he knows the Bible is all O K about it.

MOLAR TREACHERY

You kno Teeths is the Worst Suckers to Fool you there ever wuz and you cant Trust them a Tall becauze when you think Ha Ha its all Better then it begins to Ake and Sumtimes gets Jumpie which is the Worst thing for Teeths to do and makes you Holler even if you got lots of Nerve and aint a Babie like Sum People which Balls everie Time they Jag there Finger.

Hear that Tooth of Mine wuz all Better and i cuddent even get out of goin to School becauze it wuz so Good, but at Dinner Yesturday we had Prunes and i wuz Chewin one and hear there wuz a little Bit of Seed in it and i Chewed it rite on the Tooth and Beleeve Me it hurt sum which you can tell how much becauze i Jumped Cleen up off the Chare and Nocked Paws Plate of Soop rite down on his Lap which he wuz wearin his Good Pants and pertty near Rooned them.

And then Mary Ellen sez Drink Hot Coffey and it will stop and i Drunk sum and ile tell you rite now Teeths dont like Coffey a Tall and mine just fealt like a Hot Poker on it, and then i run to the Spicket and Drunk Cold Water which made it stop rite away onlie when i quit Drinken water it started agen, so i just Drunk a littel every Minnet and mind the way it wuz Hurten Maw Xpected me to go to School and sez it wud get better which i new it wuddent and she sez you got to go aneyway and i sez i cant becauze it will hurt Offle when i quit putten Water on it.

And then Paw sez its a Pitey you aint in the Armie becauze you cud put a Canteen of Water on

yure Back and take a littel Swill every Minnet which wud be a Splendid Idea. dont you think that Paw is Mean the way he laffs at a Fella when he is pertty near Dyen. but aneyhow Maw made me go to School and i had pertty good Luck becauze just before Rithmatick the Sucker started agen and i diddent kno my Lessen aneyhow and it wuz aken pertty Hard so i went up and ast Miss Tinkle if i cud go Home and she sez are you Sure its Bad and i sez Yes Indead Miss Tinkle but you cant Blame it becauze the Nerv is Sticken rite Out and i can put my Tonge on it and she sez i gess it aint that Bad, and she kinda looked at me Holden my Jaw pertty Tite and showin how i wuz Sufferin and she sez well i gess ile haff to Xcuse you Samuel.

And then i went rite Home which is pertty Luckie and it aint so Bad to have the Tooth ake if you can get out of Rithmatick and when i wuz goin apast Reds Desk he wispered Gosh Yure Luckie i wish my Teeth wuz Aken but i aint got a Singel Hole in a one of them, which you see is the Unlucky Way sum People is.

OFF TO THE DENTIST

Dont never go to a Dentest if you can get out of it becauze i wuz their on Saturday and beleeve me its a good place to not go to.

You see i got a Tooth that has bin aken to beet the Band or wuz before it got pulled which took place by Doc Willums on Saturday up at his office which is a funnie idea to call a Dentests place a office becauze it aint aney office a tall but a place to pull yure Teeth and fill them and monkey with them all of which is turribel panefull and hurts like Blazes.

Well my Tooth which wuz a back one and wuz-zent aney Babie Tooth but a big Sucker that had the top all broke off, it bin raisen Cain for some time and especchully latelie and got pertty bad on Friday nite and kep me awake and Maw put one of them messie Poltices on it which feals like puten Buckwheet cake on yure face onlie before the Buckwheet cake is baked. The poltice diddent do aney good which i new it wuddent and told Maw before she fixed it up but she sez yes son it will eaze the pain and draw out the cold. Well the Pepper on it drawed off a little Skin but the pane stayed rite there and on Saturday morning it wuz carryin on worse than ever.

Then Paw sez at Breakfast which i cuddent eat becauze it hurt to much, he sez run down and have a little talk with Doc Willums which is the funney way Paw jokes about things even when they are sereous and nothing to laff about. Yes he sez a little cold Steal will do it a Wurld of good which

he meant by cold Steal the pinchers Doc uses to pull the Tooth out. i diddent want to go but Maw and Mary Ellen sez it wont hurt as much as the pane does now and its the onlie way so i went. Doc wuz inside his place whear he does the pullin when i got their and i set down in the little Office and wated and i cud peep in a crack of the door and some Woman wuz layen back in a big Chair like as if she wuz getten Shaved at the Barbbbers and Doc wuz buzzen a funney little gigger in her Mouth. She diddent holler or aneything but i gess mebbie it hurt and she cuddent holler becauze his hands and them tools wuz in her mouth and after bit she wuz all fixed and it cum my turn and he sez hello Son whats the trubbel and i sez o i wuz goin to get a Tooth pulled but its better now and i gess i wont bother and mebbie ile come back if it hurts agen, becauze he had a nut picker in his hand and not haven aney Tooths pulled before i wuz scared that he mite jab the picker in it first or mebbie do sum-thing you cuddent tell what.

And he sez well we better not pull it if its better but lets look at it and mebbie we can rub a little Medicen on it and i sez all rite and went in and got up in the Barbber chair. Well he monkeyed around a little bit and looked in my Mouth and here he had the Pinchers consealed in his hand and i diddent kno it and pertty soon he nipped a holt of the sore Tooth and give her a pull. Gee but i hollered which yude a done to if it hurt like mine did and i thot he pulled 2 or mebbie 3. Well it wuz kinda sore till yesturday and is getten all rite now but Dentests is pertty foxie and you cant trust them becauze they will pull one over on you and pull yure Tooth anyway even if you sav wait till tomorrow.

SNOWBALLS AND CENSORS

What ide like to kno is what the dickens is Snow for if it cant be rode on with Sleds and cant be made Snow balls out of to throw. of coorse it aint a very good thing to throw Watersookers, that is if you hit Aneybuddy on the head or Face with them, but the soft ones dont hurt very much and i cant see why old Perkins, whose the Perfessor of our School should have such a fit about haven in little fun after school.

And the Sled riden that takes the cake and i never heard of such Monkey bizness and i gess Nobuddy else did ether. You see old Pussyfoot whose rite name is just Smith but whoze our Constibel and wears a badge thats got some class to it, why he Pinches you now for sled riden in the streets. It dont matter if you go Belliebumpers or setten up or how, you darsunt do it and get arrested. We cant ride aneymore on Wilsuns hill but gota go outa town down by the Tannery hill or sumwhears else.

You see a cupple of little kids that ought to been kep at Home got run into on sevril occashuns and then it wuz all off. the town Counsil of which Paw is one they passed a law or Paw calls it a Ordneance which sez you will get pinched for sled riden on the streets of the Burrow. Wuddent that give you a pain it did me.

Of coorse you can throw Snow balls if you aint goin or comin to School but their aint aney fun throwen them if their aint Aneybuddy to hit which their usually aint after school is out and Everybuddy is gone Home. You see this is just a new

rule made by old Perkins and was kinda made because my aim slipt and i hit Pertty Jones in the Neck which i diddent quite mean to do.

We wuz comin home from School and Pertty wuz ahead and Harvey sez Stub i bet you cant shave Perttys head and not hit him and i sez sure i can and did to. Pertty wuz walken ahead talken to Soffie Wingate and i whizzed one a Snow ball i mean rite over top of his head and he hollered back you quit that just like a babie and after a bit Harvey sez well that wuz just once and it wuz a accident and you cuddent do it agen. Well i made a pertty hard one and took good aim and wuz just goin to skip his Hat and as unforchune wud have it he just then stepped up on a big bump of Snow and it hit him rite in the back of the Neck. Beleeve me he yelled some and went rite back like a babie to Miss Tinkl and She took him to old Perkins. Well of coorse i got whaled next day but they diddent kno aneything about it at home but when i went home that nite Maw lit into me as Perttys Maw come over to our house just like wimmen do butten into every little thing and she told her what bad shape Perttys neck wuz in bein swelled a little i gess but not much as hes an awffle babie and hollers before he is hurt. And then the new rule wuz made by old Perkins and we got to walk home like a lota sissies and dassent throw even at a tree.

SCHOOL ROOM TROUBLES

Miss Tinkle whose my Teacher sez to me yestur-day Samuel why dont you Studie yure Lessuns and take Advantige of the splendid Oppertunitys thats bein give you to get an Educashun and fill a Big place in the Wurld.

Ide been pertty Dum latelie and Havent been knowin my Lessuns worth a Darn. Of coorse if Ide Studdie a little ide be as smart as the next One but i bin to bizzy and aint did much Studien. in Geograffy class i diddent kno where Greenland wuz and gessed it wuz along the shore of Africka which wuz a rotten gess. Then in Histrie class when it cum my turn i sez the Battel of Shilo wuz the one whear Andy Jackson licked the British which wuzzent quite rite ether. Well pertty soon Fizeeologie class wuz called and she i mean Miss Tinkle sez Samuel whear is the Epaglottis. i sez rite away why its the little Jigger thats pertty close to the Liver and she sez what is it for and i sez it stranes the air we Breethe and keeps it pure. Well Miss Tinkle sez yure Body is Quearly constitooted but i dont think the rest of us is Construcketed that way.

Then she sez about the Epaglottis is the little Trap Door down in the Throat and of coorse i new it all along but it just kinda slipped. Well it pertty soon cum time for Grammer class and i wuz one of the first ones she Picked on. She sez Samuel what is the Principal parts of come, and i sez Come Went Gone, which wuz a mile rong. In Rithmatick class i got the rite Anser to my Questun on the Black-

bord but i made her cum out rite and the Sistem as Miss Tinkle sez was Absolutlie Inkorrekt which she just meant wuz plane rong.

Well the last class wuz Spelling and im a Rotten Speller which Paw sez mite mean ile be a Grate man sum day, but aneyhow she give me the word Variety which i put tie on the end of it insted of just ty. Miss Tinkle sez you may not be able to spell it but you Certunly use a lot of it in yure Spelling. Well that wuz all i flunked yesturday which wuz almost enuff and a little more mebbie and then Miss Tinkle gave me a talk about my Future.

DEATH VALLEY IKE

Well i got licked today. its kinda funnie just when a Fella thinks hes gotten along pertty good and thinks everything is all o. k. why thats when he gets in Rong.

First it started in Geograffy class when Miss Tinkle sez Samuel whats the climate of north America and i sez why ruff and rockie. Then Everybuddy laffed fit to Bust. Miss Tinkle whose nuralga wuz botheren her sez that will do Samuel you can take your Seat thinken i gess that i wuz tryen to be Smart which i wuzzent but just made a mistake.

Well i went back to my seat and studied my Geograffy but got tired and started to read Death Valley Ike which is a powerful good story of Ad-venchure behind my Geograffy book which i stood up on the Desk.

Well Miss Tinkle went on teachen the class and i wuz readen away and come to a turrible good place where Ike the Hero you kno wuz in a Death Trap. well Pertty Jones who sits beside me, we call him Pertty becauze he is so turrible good and his Mamma keeps him dressed up fit to kill. aney-how he wuz leanen over my sholder readen about Ike to and i diddent kno it. And here Miss Tinkle whose got splendid Site and most never misses aneything she seen Pertty fudgen up in its Seat and looken over my sholder.

Ike had just shot Arizona Joe and winged Bad Baldy another desperado and wuz maken his escape and i wuzzent thinken i wuz in School havin forgot

all about Miss Tinkle when She just pussyfooted round the Room and come up behind me. She sez quick like Samuel what are you doing.

And here you kno i wuz just where the shots wuz gettin fired and i wuzzent thinken about aneything and i just yelled out BANG like that, which it read in the book.

Miss Tinkle took the book and sez up front yung man and i went up and she sez now ile give you yure choyce of a Whippen or stayen in every Nite after school for two Weaks for a haff hour and of coorse i decided ide stay in but she sez now since i kno which you Preferr ile just do the opposite and she give me a whalen which hurt some but what i hated worse wuz Pertty Jones sitten back and laffen at me.

And then she seen Pertty laffen and called him up and sed he could have his choyce like i did. And Pertty thot he wuz foxie and he sez ile take a licken and she sez you made that choyce becauze you thot ide say no stay in. Then she sez my mind dont always work in the same direckshun and she up and gave him a good whalen which made me forget about mine. But aneyhow its kinda funney becauze i decided to be real good starten the New year which shows how our plans offen Upset.

STOMACHS

Stummicks is cureous Orgens. i dont kno why they are called Orgens because they dont make aney Noise, excep Maws Stummick which makes a funnie Noise sumtimes and Paw sez she needs to see a Plummer which makes Maw offe mad and she sez regarden Stummicks all Men is Pigs and dont think of Nuthing but their Stummicks which aint quite true because Paw has got Rumatizem in his legs and he thinks about them too.

The Stummick is an offe bad place to get hit in because once i stopped a Baseball with my Stummick and i fealt turribel for a while because it nocked all the Wind out of me which is funnie because the Fizziology sez Air goes in the Lungs and things you eat in the Stummick but my Xperience proves that you must breathe sum with yure Stummick two which shows the Teachers is mebbie a littel bit off.

Lots of Peeple get sick Headakes which is from yure Stummick also which is kinda funnie as yure Stummick is a good peace frum yure Head and i dont see what buziness it is of yure Head if yure Stummick gets sick but i gess its because theirs Mussels and Ligamints that connect them both in the Nervous system like Miss Tinkle sez and one kinda depends on the other and the hole system works in Harminy like she sez.

Another bad thing about the Stummick is when you get a bad Crack on the Shin or fall on yure Head on the Ice it makes you sick at yure Stummick. Doctors sez about this that the Stummick

is simpathetic and when you hurt most aney Porshun of yure Boddie it makes you sick at yure Stummick but i dont believe it becauze if yure Stummick had a simpathetic Nature it wuddent go back on a Fella when he is learnen to Smoke or just when he is beginnin to Injoy a Feed of earlie Appels even if they aint quite Ripe.

Stummicks is always with us by which i mean when i say that, we always kno we got them. Even littel Babys holler like Indians from gettin Panes in the Stummick which is called Collick. Of coorse this aint the same kind that Horses get which cums from other Reazons. Old folks gets Collick but they dont call it Collick but Dispepshaw and Indigestin which is the growed up name for it. Another quear Stummick Complaint is Gas on the Stummick which aint the same kind that cums in Meters and makes big Bills but is another kind and is also a good bit of trubbel to the Peeple that has got it.

So our Stummicks make us a good bit of Trubbel but just the same we cuddent get along without them becauze we got to eat to live and that is what the Stummick is for to eat into. So after all i gess we ott to be glad we got them and besides its lots of fun to eat good things aneyway and if you dont be like sum Peeple and ack like a reel Pig why yure Stummick will behave pertty good.

HER VALENTINE

It cost 15 cents but its a spechully good Valentine and i gess its worth it, aneyhow thats what i pade for it at Reeds drugstore. i never sent aney Valentines before, that is i mean classie ones like this one, most of them i bot bein uglie ones and makes fun of peeple like the one i sent Miss Tinkle last year and got found out becauze Pertty Jones told on me but i caught him after school and gave him a trimmin so i diddent mind it so much. Miss Tinkle sent the Valentine to Paw with a note tellen about what a disrespeckfull thing it wuz and how she thot it wuz a matter for the Parents to take up as she diddent feel like punishin the child meanen me when mebbie he haddent been taught rite about showin the proper respect for his Instrucktor and all like that.

Paw and Maw both lit into me and gave me the Dickens for tryen to be smart and maken sport of the poor woman who wuz doin her best to pound sumthing into my thick head and all the rest of the heads of the thankless yung scoundrils so that they wuddent need to dig ditches when they grow up and all that kind of arguments. That Nite i heard Paw tellen Maw that the yung Cub had showed good judgemint in selectin the Valentine. By yung Cub i gess he meant me and i gess he wuzzent so mad about it either as he sez his teacher when he wuz a kid wuz just the dead spit of Miss Tinkle.

But what i wuz goin to tell you about wuz the Valentine i bot at Reeds drug store and am goin to send to Soffie Wingate whose a pertty nice girl and

is in my class at School. Shes a nice girl all rite and aint got even one Freckel like Minnie Peerson and Ethel Steal and lots of the other ones whose in my class and thinks their pertty classie which they aint. Of coorse i got a Freckel or two mebbie but thats different as Fellas aint suppozed to be good looken like Wimmen whose just suppozed to set around and look nice so when their Husbins come home from work they will be kinda cheered up i gess and think mebbie theirs no place like home as it sez in the poetry. But this Valentine is all pink and then its got a peace of blue Izinglass on top and you look thru it and it sez i kno that you are onlie mine so please accept this Valentine. The pink ribbun around the sides is certunly classie and Soffie has splendid taste and i kno she will like it. i aint goin to write my name on it becauze ile just keep her gessen who sent it. I wont let her gess to long as shes liabble to not kno where it come frum and think mebbie Red Obrien sent it to her insted of me.

A FORLORN SWAIN

Aint it funnie how you offen get fooled about things and they turn out rong when yure fealen kinda smart and think everything is OK which all at once you find out it aint and you wuz mistaken. Well thats the way it wuz with me senden that Valentine to Soffie Wingate which i thot wuz classie but wuz mistaken. i went to school yesturday and the first one i seen outside the door wuz Soffie who seamed to be waiten on me and she sez O Stubby did you send that elegant Valentine to me. And of coorse i wanted to kinda pertend i diddent think it wuz much which it wuz because it cost 15 cents, and i sez well mebbie i did and mebbie i diddent, kinda grinnen like as if i wuz gilty which of coorse i wuz.

Well she sez O Stubby it wuz grand and i like you. Mind thats what she sed and just the other day she sez to me you are a Freckeled red head and i hate you, just because i hid her Rubber at school, which i did onlie for fun but it just shows how carefull you got to handel girls because gosh they get mad and rip around turrible about some darn little thing like that which you dont mean.

Well that wuz all rite and i wuz riten notes to her every once in a while in the Morning and she would look over and laff and rite on her slate in big riten and hold it up for me to reed and i wuz thinken Gee that me and her wuz goin to be good companyuns and it wuz all off with Red Obrien which just shows how you get fooled.

In the afternoon i cum to school earlie and wuz watchen for Soffie and she cum along and looked at

me turrible mad and walked rite past me and into school. I diddent kno what the Dickens wuz the matter and i went in but she wuddent talk to me a bit and i just went to my seat wonderin what wuz rong. I rote her sevril notes while school wuz goin on and she wuddent Anser a darn one and then i seen Red Obrien grinnen like a monkey and i new he had somethin to do with it.

After school i seen Red and asked him what he told Soffie about me. He sez it aint what i told her but its what you told her that got you in rong. And i sez what did i tell her and he sez you told her a lie thats what you told her. Well i diddent kno what he meant and i sez i diddent tell her no lie. Red sez yes you did becauze you told her you sent her that big Valentine and you diddent a tall becauze i did. I sez you dont kno what your talken about becauze i did send it to her. Then he sez o yes you sent her a little cheep one but i sent her the big one that cost 20 cents and thats what she wuz talken about when she ast you if you sent it.

What do you kno about that. i think its perty rotten dont you when a fella thinks hes in rite and then gets fooled like that. Soffies mad at me now and Red he just grins when he sees me which means hes goin to get licked perty soon if he dont cut it out. Aneyhow it just shows how a nickel makes a lot of difference to a girl and it aint the nice looken fella shes after but the one thats got the dough as Paw sez, which is rite.

THE FAULTS OF BABIES

Babys is funney littel Geezers and lots of Fun can be had with them Xcept when they Ball which is perty offen, and they got to be Handeled with grate Care on ackount of bein verie Eazy to hurt.

A funnie thing about Babys is how Dum they are about Eatin things and wud just as soon try to Eat a Peace of Cole or Mud as a Peace of Candy and if you see them pick up Sumthin Dirty off the Ground and try to put it in there Mouth and you go to take it frum them they Ball jest like you wuz Takin a Peace of Chocklit Candy or Sumthin good frum them.

Also Babys wud jest as soon try to Eat a Pin or a Tack as a Peace of Candy. yes they got Funnie Apatites and yude think they wuz Starvin to Death the way they Stick Everything in their Mouths aint it so, but we wuz all Babys once and did like wise so we cant laff at them becauze bein Hungrie and eaten all the Time is what makes them Grow up which is Nachure and whatever is Nachure cant be helped aint it so.

But its when Kids get a littel Bigger than Babys and can walk around a littel bit that most of the Damige is did, and when they are about 3 years they jest Smash everything they can get there Hands on and got to be Watched very Close to keep frum puttin their Hand in the Stove or fallen down Stares or havin sum kinda Misforchune like that frum happenin to them. Littel Eddy who is visiten at our House and is my Cuzzin is 3 and the worst Kid their ever wuz. if he wants the Clock

off the Mantel or anything he jest Balls for it and thinks it ott to be give to him to Smash up jest to Amuse him which is the misreasonable way littel Childrun is. Paw sez he aint near as bad as i wuz when i wuz a littel Kid but i beleave Paw is jest Kidden which is the way he does, and i bet i wuz a good Babie because i dont Remember ever Smashin things up and if i did i certunly wud Remember sumthing about it.

But littel Babys is so much Trubbel yude almost think Peeple wuddent try to Raise them because they got to be held jest rite on ackount of there Week Backs and the Soft place on the Top of there Heads is got to be took grate care of and they cant eat this and they cant eat that and they got to be washed every Minnet and the Floors got to be walked with them at Nite and they get the Collick and they Ball when you got Companie and they cant be took places and Peeple got to stay at Home and mind them, onlie sumtimes Peeple takes them to Shows and Places and they Ball and make Everybuddy mad and got to be Took out so Everybuddy can hear the Speech or the Musick which is offen as bad as the Babie Ballin i think.

But after all Babys is got to be put up with because if there wuzzent any more Babys why when we all Grew old and Feebil and died their wuddent be Aneybuddy else to Grow up and take our Places so there you are and what are we goin to do about it, aint it so.

THE QUESTION OF A CAR

We got a Grate Argumint up to our House which the Cause of it is will we get a Autamobile or wont we get a Autamobile, and Mary Ellen and me sez yes Paw and Maw sez no and Aunt Aggie is Nootral which means she dont care if we do or dont care if we dont but i bet she does care and wud want to set in the Front Seat if we got one which i hope we do.

Paw sez in the first place he cant afford it and the first use We wud haff to make of it wud be Drive rite out to the Poor House becauze he wuddent have the price of a Washer left for the Kitchin Spigget if he buys one, and then he sez in case he does deside to buy he wuddent have aneymore Ideeas which kind to buy than if he wuz selectin a Flyin Machine. all he sez he knos is he ott to get one with 4 wheels insted of 3 and since most of them is Bilt that way they all look alike to him. he sez he jest looks around and makes his mind up that the Stingybaker is the best Car on the Markit when along cums sum Fella and sez its a bunch of Scrap Iron and it keaps it bizzy to run down Hill. Then the Fella tells him that he drives a Dawger and Paw lays on his back and looks into the Gizzards of the Dawger and gets took up Hills and Down Dale holdin tite to his Hat and learns that it Runs haff way acrost the State on a Pint of Gas and a Eye Dropper full of Oil, and he thinks here is the Car for me and the Family, and along cums Sum-buddy else and tells him the Dawger runs Fast and Far for a Cappel of Weaks but she wont hold up and

is bound to fall Apart like the One Hoss Shay did. then Paw sez this kind Harted Guy that saves him frum throwin his money away on the Dawger tells him there is only 1 Car for the man that aint got much Munney to spend and thats the Rash and after this Fella shows Paw it onlie cost him 1 Dollar and 72 Cents for Repears in a Year and she Runs till the Cows cum Home on a Gallen of Gas why Paw sez he is about Reddy to do Bizness, but he happens to Menshun it to a Frend and the Frend hollers Gee im glad i got this Dope in Time, dont you kno that this Years Rash is got the Defferenshul Cuppeled on top of the Whiffel Tree insted of Under it and the Springs Brake like Dried Mackaroni on the First Bump, and Paw sez he Hollers Heavins No, saved Agen.


So Paw sez we will jest Argu the Questun out over the Cook Stove and if we deside to Buy a Car we will go out on the Front Porch and the First one that cums along thats the Kind We will get, unless mebbie it is a Fearce Barrow or a Slackerd, which Paw sez will set Him back a littel Farther than he cares to Set. he sez he wud jest as soon Take a Chance on a Surrey and a Ole White Mule as aney kind, but since we got a Fashionabel Family they wuddent think of Travelin at a Cent or 2 a Mile when it can be did at 25 Cents a Mile, which is the Fashionable Rate, and he likes to Kid Mary Ellen about gettin the Mule and he sez she cud set in the Front Seat and Wear her White Gloves when she jest gets them frum the Cleaners and we cud jest Sniff a littel frum Time to Time and Imagin we were Tooring.

THAT CHERRY TREE STORY

Well this is George Washingtuns birthday which is a grate day indeed and full of Patriotizem and flags and cheery trees and hatchets and all that and Speeches is said at meetings and Resitashuns is said at schools and all like that in honor of the Father of our Countrie who never told a lie and wuz a good Soldier and also a good church member which is unusual as most good fitters aint got much religen to speak about.

I kinda wonder about that Bizness of how George chopped down the cherrie Tree and then up and told the truth rite away when his Paw caught him. I dont think he said i did it with my Hatchet becauze he wuz natchurly so truthfull but becauze he wuz scared hed get two lickens one for tellen a lie and a nother for choppen down the Tree which is what my Paw would a done under such cirkumstances, dont you think so. Of coorse George wuz a good honest Boy and all that but i think mebbie he would a slipt in a little fib if he got a cahnce which is what Ide of done but of coorse i aint natchurally as good as he wuz and my Paw wud say i wuz about a hunderd times worse which aint true as i aint that bad.

But what i wuz goin to say wuz when Georges Paw come a pussyfooten out in the yard and seen George standen their beside the Tree which wuz all chopped down and holden a Hatchet in his hand i dont think it would of done him, George i mean a bit of good to say he diddent do it as his Paw wud kno rite away he wuz tellen a lie which my Paw



wud of in a minnet and i gess Georges Paw wud to as far as that goes. of coorse if George chopped her down and then skinned out in the Woodshed and hid the Ax and then went to the Movies or sumthing and his Paw diskovered about it that nite when he kum Home from work why then mebbie George mite of sed no and got away with it but when his Paw seen him standen rite there with the Hatchet like it shows in the Pickchures why i bet George wuz smart and new it wuddent do him aney good to say no Paw i diddent do it becauze then he wud of got a peeche of a whalen. But aneyhow he wuz a grate man and a creddit to our nashun and first in War and First in Piece and first in the Harts of the countrie men and the wimmen to becauze Miss Tinkle thinks he wuz sum grate man and she is rite too.


What Ide like to kno about it is why George chopped her down in Febuwary as their aint aney Cherries on trees in the winter and he ought to waited till about the 4th of July which wud a been a good time and their wud of been Cherries on it.

WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN

Well Washingtuns birthday is all over now and all the Speaches has been sed and parties has been had and everything xcept sum of the Flags aint been took in yet. We selebrated Washingtuns birthday and Lincolns birthday at our school both yesturday and had a pertty nice time onlie i had to say the Gettiesburg address that Lincoln sed when he made a speach their. Aint it firce to haff to make a speach and remember a hole lot of stuff thats got to be sed just rite. I forgot mine a cupple of times and Miss Tinkle sez Samuel that indikates lack of prepparashun which wuz ok becauze i diddent studie it very much thinken mebbie she wud let me out of it which she wuddent.

I think Lincoln wuz a pertty grate man even if he wuzzent a general but mebbie he diddent ever get a chance and wuz too busie bein Presidunt and sayen Speaches to leed the Armie in the Civil war which he wuz Presidunt of. Aneyhow hes just about as grate as Washingtun. of coorse he told a lie or two mebbie but peepel aint got aney buzzi-ness thinken he wuzzent grate just becauze of that. When Lincoln wuz a poor boy he diddent get time to chopp down Cherrie Trees as he wuz to busie splitten rails and studyen by the Fireplace which he did layen down on the floor on his Stummick and havin one or 2 Books which shows that peepel can be grate and get famous without always goin to school every day which got to be did now to get an educashun.

Lincoln wuz very generous as he once walked miles and miles to give back a woman a cupple of



cents and again he went back to a place he had walked past and pulled a little Pig out of a hole it fell in. He wuz a grate man alrite and did little things just rite which peeple dont do aneymore but just do them aney old way.

So it wuzzent his fault if he diddent have a chance to chop down a Cherry Tree and be a soldier and ride a white Horse like George Washington as he diddent have the chance to do things like that but he just fooled Everybuddy and wuz grate aneyhow. And Everybuddy liked him fine and fealt turrible sorrie when he died becauze a scoundril shot him which wuz a offle thing to do to a man that liked Everybuddy and never hurt aneyone.

But just like Miss Tinkle sez he diddent die but jest like George Washington he lives forever in the Harts of his country men which is true and Miss Tinkle is rite about some things and that is one of them.


THE ICE CREAM LIMIT

Well last Nite i had all the Ice Creem i cud eat which you mite think aint True but it is and ile tell you how it cum about, which you mite kno wuz a Acksident, becauze Paw or Nobuddy wud by me that much onless it wuz a Acksident.

This hear is the way it happened. Paw wuz down Town which he most generallie is every Nite and Mary Ellen went sum place with her Fella and Maw and Aunt Aggie went to Movies which Paw diddent kno about and he also diddent kno if Mary Ellen wuz Home, but he thot they all wuz and he Brung Home a big Buckitt of Ice Cream which there wuz 2 kinds of Vinalla and Strawberrie, which is jest the kind i like best, of coorse i wuddent turn aney kind down but these 2 is my Favorit.

We cuddent save aney for Maw or Aunt Aggie or Mary Ellen and Paw sez Stub we got to rize to the Occashun and see what we can do about this hear Misforchune, and we got 2 big Plates not Sawcers mind, and filled them up with the Vinalla and Strawberrie and got bizzy. O Boy sum Class. Paw cuddent eat all his Plate i mean the Ice Creem on it and not the Plate but i et mine up in good Shape and wuz reddy for More and he Dished her out and sez Stub i always had a grate Dezire to see what yure Capacity wuz but i never felt Xtravigant enuff to try you out, but this looks like a fine Chance go to it, i gess you wont Founder, i never herd yet about a Boy killen hissself eatin Ice Creem.

Well i et all that wuz left but a little Teeney bit which i cud of et but their aint aney use of a Fella



bein a Pig aint it so, and Paw sez Stub you did Nobel but you met yure Waterloo which means get Licked which is what happened to Napoleyun who wuz a littel Guy with a Fat Stummick and his arms Folded and tride to Lick the Hole World but a Guy named Waterloo cum along and cleened him up, which is always what Happens when a Fella thinks he is the Hole Cheeze, aint it so.

Well, when Maw and Aunt Aggie cum Home jest a Minnet or 2 after we et it all, Paw sez O we did-dent Xpect you for Hours and Maw sez you and Samuel jest pertended we wuzzent cummin so you cud eat it all Yureselfs and it wud be jest good for you if it makes you Sick.

And then Paw told them about how much i et onlie he made it a lot worse and sez that Boy Rapped Hissself around nearlie 3 Pints rite hear in Front of My Eyes and if he Pulls thru its the 8th Wunder of the World, and Paw told them he et one littel Dish and when he cum to get a 2nd Helpin i had it all cleaned up and he made Aunt Aggie be-leave i et about a Wash Boiler full almost, and she kep tellin Maw she better give me sumthing when i went to bed, but hear this Morning i wuz all rite and could eat twice as much if i had the Chance, but it will be maney a Rainey Day or also Nite till im that Luckie agen, and the next Time Paw cums Home with Ice Creem the hole Family will be their and also a lot of cumpany, which is grate for cummin when their is good things to Eat around, aint it so.

VAIN GIRLS

Girls is funnier than Dogs dont you think so. i do and they certunly are Quear in a grate maney ways which one of the ways is that they are always worreyed bout how they look.

Last Nite we had Huckel Berrie Pie which is one of the things i am fondest of but the onlie trubbel is i always get a Peace which the Corners of it is two close together, like Paw sez. well like i sez we had it last Nite and hear what do you think, Mary Ellen wuddent Eat aney of it becauze White Pants her Fella wuz cummin and she wuz afrade it wud make her Mouth all Dark and her Teeth kinda Blue.

Gosh i wuddent care if Pie made me Blue in the Face and my Teeth Green and my Ears Red why ide eat all i cud get wuddent You. of coorse my Ears is red now and also a littel bit Large which Paw is always kidden me about and sez i ott to tie them back to keep them out of Harms way, but Paw is onlie kidden and they aint as big as that.

But what do you know about that Mary Ellen skippen Pie when he had it for Supper jest becauze it wud make her Teeth Blue and when we got Onyuns which she likes why she wont never eat them if she is going out aney Place in the Evening or if White Pants or aney other Cumpany is cummin. of coorse White Pants aint Cumpany becauze like Paw sez he cums around so offen that he ott to take his turn Cuttin the Grass and putten New Washers in the Spickets and doin odd Jobs around the House, but Paw sez he is afrade the onlie odd Job White Pants is aney good at is Balincing a

Sawser of Ice Creem on his Nee or puttin Cushuns down for the Wimmen to Set on. Paw sez in the Summer time when he is on the Front Porch with White Pants the Lad acks so Polite that Paw always feels like he ott to Apologize for settin on his own Porch.

But i must get back onto Brass Tacks agen and what i wuz sayin about is how Girls is always afrade there Hare aint jest so and if their Noze is Shiney and there Powder is on strate and they look jest rite, and Boys is all rite if there Face is cleen and there Pants aint Tore, but of coorse Boys is Usefull and made to do things and all like that and Girls aint suppozed to kno much about doin things rite and got to look pertty all the Time so they will get Husbins and all that their Stuff, and if sum of the Husbins new all the things thats the matter with them like the way Mary Ellen runs and tells Everything and aint always nice and Sweet and all like that when Cumpany cums why they wud-dent be so Crazie after them aint it so.



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MOVIES AND LITERATURE

Me and Paw and Maw wuz down to a Movey last Nite and had Peenuts and a Swell Time and Every Thing, and Paw sez if we jest had a Bottel of Pink Pop now i cud cloze my Eyes and pertend i wuz at a Cirkus.

The Pickchure wuz about Hunters and Trappers and Indians way up in Canada near the North Pole and they had a Grate Time Fiten and Chasen each other and Skippen around on them their Skeeys which is long Jiggers like Barell Staves and look offle eazy to walk on but they aint becauze i Tride it once and got Snow down my Neck and Fell down a Duzzen Times and im a Swell Skater mind you, but that duzzent do you aney good when yure tryen to go on Skeeys.

Paw sez he likes Pickchures like that with a Cuppel of Good Fist Fites in them and he sez if that Indikates a Fella is a Savige then he gesses he must have a littel Touch of Rain in the Face or Sitten Bull in him. Paw sez its the funnyest thing the way a littel Weeney Worst of a Man about as big as a Dill Pickel likes them Pickchures of Fites and Shooten and all kinds of Desprit Advenchures in them and he sez its the same way with Books. he sez sum littel Num. 2 Sized Guy who crawls under the Couch every Time his Wife Speaks Loud will sit burreyed for Hours in a Desprit Book where they Kill on an Averige of 10 Men to the Chaptir, and then Paw sez sum Big Guy about the Size of a Hay Mow will set down all Evening and read sum Parler Societty Novel about Wives gettin Mixed up and Husbins shaken there Fists at each other.

Treazure Ileand is the best Book i ever read and Littell Lord Font Leroy wuz the rottenest and made me so Sick i diddent Finnish it, its jest filled up with stuff about a littel Lizzey of a Kid with Swell Manners and Velvet Pants on and he is kind and Nobel to Everybuddy and from the way the Book sez i think they ott to of took his Velvet Pants off and put a pare of Wings on him and let him floo up to Heavin.

Now in Treazure Ileand theres Pirates and 1 Legged Guys that wud jest as soon Poke a Nife in you as Borrey a Match, and theres Burreyed Treazure and Ship Recks and Stockaids and Plots by the Duzzen and it makes a Fella so Xcited and Injoybel that he cant sit still on his Chair and lays down on his Stummick to read about it.

Most Books is no Good on ackount of Peepil havein Nice Manners in them and when they get in a Argumint it ends up by Sayin i beg yure Parden and all that Lizzey Stuff insted of Nocking a Chip off the Fellas Shouldir or given him a Punch in the eye which mite not be Polite but it makes the Book better.

SNICKER'S TASTE FOR MUSIC

Last Nite me and Mary Ellen had a Fite which we have pertty offen and its always her Falt and also she always gets her way on ackount of bein a Girl and older than me.

It all cum about on ackount of her tryen to sing and play the Pianna which Snicker my Dog duzzent like a Tall and you cant blame him much and he always Howls his Head off. well last Nite White Pants her Fella wuz up to our House which he cums so offen you mite think he is a Relashun but he aint, and he and Mary Ellen wuz singen a Duwet which means both Singen at the Same Time and its bad enuff when Mary Ellen is Skreamin around the House alone but you ott to Hear it when White Pants joins in.

Well, i wuz studyen my Lessuns in the Sitten Room which i had to do becauze Paw wuz settin rite their, and Snicker wuz under the Tabel layin Down which he is a Grate Dog to do, but when they started the Singen he cum out from under the Tabel and put his head back jest like he does when the Church Bell rings and he Howld turribel, and Paw Hollered at him and i gave him a Kick but not verie hard, and he lade Down a Minnet but he cuddent stand it and pertty soon jumped up and Howld agen.

And Mary Ellen cum runnin out of the Parler and sez put that old Cur out Doors rite away, and i sez he aint makein aney Worse Noise than you are and go out Yureself. and Mary Ellen sez Paw make him put that Dog out, and Paw sez i gess you

better Park Him outside till the Consert is over Stub, and i sez aw Paw its Cold outside and he mite get the Numonia or Grip or sumthing, and Paw sez well he wont Suffer aney more than he seems to be now. so i had to put Him out, which is the way that Mary Ellen always gets her own way.

Paw wuz talkin about it today at Dinner Time and sez that Dog has a Remarkabel Ear for Musick but you cant pull aney Substitoots on him becauze he knows the Diffrence every Time, and Paw sez the only Diffrence between People and Dogs is the People got to have Manners and Suffer in Silence but the Dog is Honest about it and when he cant stand it aney more he Hollers for Help.

Paw sez once last Nite when White Pants hit one of them High Notes thru his Noze it lifted me 6 Inches off the Chair and the next Time he done it i bit the end off the Stem of that good Brier Pipe of mine and then he sez to Mary Ellen he sez Sis did he get his Chewin Gum down his Throt that one Time when it sounded so bad, i wuz just about to run in and Pound him on the back, and Mary Ellen sez sum Fokes likes good Musick and sum Fokes dont, and Paw sez well i like Musick Tolerabel well but i aint herd aney for quite a Spell. and Mary Ellen sez why Elmer is had his Voice Cultivated for Years, and Paw sez well mebbie so, but im afrade they used the Harrow on it two much and tore it up pertty bad, and Mary Ellen kinda lifted her Chin up and went out in the Kichen and i hollered Haw Haw to make her mad.

SPRING COMPLAINT

Fishen is grate sport when you ketch Fish but aint very injoyabel when you fall off a log yure setten on and dont get aney Fish ether, and then in the Bargaen get in rong at Home becauze you mebbie diddent quite play Hookie but played off sick and diddunt go to School.

The way it wuz with me which is who im talken about wuz like this. Harvey who is one of my spechul companyuns is just getten over the Skarlet Fever which he wuz pertty sick with but is now all OK onlie he aint alloud to go to School yet for sum time which is becauze sum of the other Pupills mite ketch the Dizeese frum him. He can go out all rite and he sez yesturday Stub the Suckers will be biten good i bet and lets go Fishen this afternoon down to the Crick.

I sez i got to go to School and he sez o play a little Hookie and i sez no i better not becauze ide be sure to get found out and he sez well pertend yure sick and then start to feal better after the last Bell is rang and its to late to go. And i sez o that wuddent work verie good becauze Maw wud say if i wuz in bad shape and sick i better not go out a tall.

Well then Harvey sez yure looken kind of pail and i think you had ott to stay out and get a little Fresh Air as mebbie you will get Consumpshun or sumthing bad like that frum stayen in and mebbie yure startin to get it now. And i thot about it when i went home to Dinner and i et my Dinner all rite and looked in the Looken Glass and i did

look a little bit Pail and i thot mebbie Harvey is rite and im getten in bad shape frum not havin lots of Fresh Air which is needed by Everybuddy to stay Happie and Healthie like it sez in the Fizziologie.

I told Maw i wuzzent well and felt kinda bad and Aunt Aggie sez he needs a Spring Tonick for his Blood and Peeple always gets run down towards Spring and i sez i beleeve yure rite Aunt Aggie becauze. thats just the way i feal. Well Harvey cum along and i went out to the Door when he whisseled and sez i wuzzent well and wuz goin to stay at Home and mebbie later if i fealt pertty good i cud get Maw to let me go out for sum Fresh Air and he sez ile wait for you down at the Tannery and i sez all rite. well after i took the Boneset Tea which is bad stuff to drink but good for the Sistem i fealt pertty good and after the Recess Bell rang at School i ast Maw if i cud take a little walk which she sez what for rite away. i sez i think ide feal better if i got a little Air and she sez theirs plenty of Air in hear and if yure to sick to go to School you cant go out, but i coxed her a wile and she sez all rite but yure not going off for aney Excurshuns to play Ball or aneything and cum back soon.

Well i went down the Street and cum around in the Alley and crawlled in the Woodshed windo and got my Tackel which is the fishen stuff you kno and we went Fishen which ile tell you about in the next Chaptir how they fussed around at home when i cum home wet and it wuz pertty late. Paw sez the way i need Air is to be Fanned with a nice wide Board.

FISHERMAN'S LUCK

Jest like i sez in the last Chaptir Fishen is lots of fun and grate Injoymint when you ketch some suckers or even a cupple of little Chubs but it aint aney fun a tall when you dont get aney and fall off a log into the bargin and get yure Pants wet and yure shoes and Stockens also which is what i did on Wensday.

After fealen a improvemint after i took Bonset Tea when i staid home becauze i wuz sick frum School i coxed Maw and went out and me and Harvey went down to the Crick for suckers. I beleeve Worms got good eyes becauze they can see you commin when yure after them to be put on the Hooks for bate. we dug up about a aker or mebbie two down by the Tannery and after wile got 8 little skinnie ones and 3 nice big fat ones which the proper name for is Nite Crawlers which make splendid bate and the fish like first trate.

Harvey wanted 2 of the Nite Crawlers and sez for me to take 1 but i sez nothin doin and after wile we spit on a Stone and he took wet and i took dry and of coorse she come down wet and i onlie got one which is the way im always unluckie.

Well we hurried down to the Crick and it wuz kinda raney looken and we wuz thinken theyed be biten fine becauze theyed be Hungrie frum not havein aney bate all Winter as nobuddy wuz Fishen then and we cut some black Elder rods which is Bushes that grow on Cricks and we diddent darst to bring our classie Bamboo rods along becauze they are turrible long and cant be hid in yure

pockets like bate and Hooks and the rest of the Tackel thats needed to be used.

Well mind we Fished to pertty near dark and i onlie got a little Chub about as big as yure little Finger or mebbie not quie. Harvey diddent get aney a tall but sez he got lots of good Bites but getten bites is just like smellen fresh Donuts in a Baker shop when you dont have aney Munney but are just there to get some rizen yure Maw sent you for. I saved my Nite Crawler for a good wile becauze i wanted to see whear the big ones wuz but i gess the big ones wuzzent Hatched out yet becauze when i put it on the Hook and went way out on the End of the diven Log at Deepie which is our Swimmen hole the little Minnies just nibbeled it away and i fell in when i started to cum back to Shore.

I got turrible wet and it wuz dark and we run for Home and i just got in when Paw and Everybuddy wuz setten down to Supper. He looked at me and sez i understand yure a sick Man, whear have you bin, and i sez i was walken along the Crick and fell in. And he sez i understood you wuz in need of fresh air pertty bad but i diddent kno you wuz after Fresh water too. Then he sez how did the Fish bite and i sez Sir like i diddent kno what he meant and he sez whats that in yure pocket, take it out. Well it wuz a Baken Powder can i had the bate in and the Hooks and line wuz in it. He took it and give me a Stinger on the Ear and sez if i hear of your taken aneymore Fresh air cures there will be sumthin doin around hear.

OLD JAKE'S WATERLOO

Well i got a good one on Old Jake Yesturday and i gess he aint as Smart as he thinks he is. Old Jake is the old Fella that cums around every Weak and Buys ole Cloze and Rubbers and Bones and stuff and is the titest old Geezer in the World, well mebbie not in the World but he is pertty tite aneyhow.

Well it all cum about this Hear way. our Hoze wuz all wore out and Squirted Water out of a hunderd littel Holes every Time Paw or me watered the Grass or Flowers or aneything, so Paw had to get a new one which he diddent like to do but said he wud haff to, and he give me the old one to sell to Old Jake.

Last Weak when he cum around Jake i mean, i ast him what he wud give me for it and he looked at it careful like it wuz a Rattel Snake or sumthing, no he wuddent xamine a Rattel Snake so careful on ackount of mebbie gettin bit, i mean he felt it all over and lifted it and Wayed it and everything, and then he sez 25 Cents and i sez nuthin doin its worth about a Dollar but ile give it to you for 50 Cents and he sez two much, ide lose Munney, onlie worth 25, and i sez nuthin doin ile sell it to Rag Muffin, which is the Name of the other ole Cloze Guy. We got 2 you kno on ackount of this bein a pertty big Town, and he sez Git Ep to his ole Crow Bate of a Horse and drove down the Allie.

Well after he went i cut the Hoze in 2 and took the Nozzel off the Front end and Fixed it on the cut end and kep it till Yesturday and Ole Jake

cum along and i sez well i gess ile let you have this for 25 Cents and he sez i told you it wuzzent worth aney more, throw it on and i thru it on the hind end of the Waggen whear he wuddent see it verie Good and he give me a Corter and this Morning Ole Rag Muffin cum along and i sez here is a big Peace of solid Rubber Hoze thats worth a Dollar what will you give me for it and he Xamined it and sez 15 Cents and i sez like the Dickens its worth 50 Cents and he held his Whiskers in his one Hand and sez well ile make it a Corter and i give him the Hoze and i took the Corter.

I gess that aint sum way to get yure Munneys worth which you got to be pertty Slick to do with them old Rag Fellas for like Paw sez they cud be naled up in a Box and wud make a livin Tradein Hats, and when i told Paw about it he sez Stub you get the Lether Medal, and i think ile tell Goldman he better have you spend your Vakashun workin for him and given him a few Pointers on how to run the Clothing Bizness.

SCHOOL OUT OF SEASON

School is an offle noosance about this Time of the Year when the Climate is warm and nice and the Birds are singen and the pertty Flowers getten readdie to Bloom and Fish wud be biten fine if you cud go Fishen onlie you cant and got to Studie yure Head off about what is the Animuls that live in South America and the propper way to use Grammer when yure talken and how to spell words like Frazeologie or sumthing i dont care if a can spell or not becauze when i say sumthing ile say it in plane English and use words i can spell all rite.

Yes i think it wud be a splendid Ideeas if Schools wud shut up now till Winter cums. ile tell you when you got to set in School on nice Days now you dont care if you kno yure Lessuns or not which i usuallie dont but you just set there and look out the Window and think about all the Sport that is to be had Out Doors and the Base Ball and Fishen and mebbie yure just stolen Home on the Pitcher or Pullen in a fine big Sucker just in yure Immaginashun you kno, when Tap Tap Miss Tinkle goes with her Ruler on the Desk and sez the Class in Geograffy wil rize, March, and you march up to the front of the Room and she sez be Seeted. Then you set their wondering what Questun yure goin to get and mebbie there is 20 in the Lessun and you kno 3 or mebbie 5 if you studded a little. Then Sumbuddy else Anseres the Questuns you rememberd and you kno yure Goose is cooked proper.

Pertty soon Miss Tinkle will look at me verie Suspisshus becauze she is pertty sure i dont kno

the anser and she will say Samuel why is it hot along the Equater and then like i did the other Day i sez becauze they dont have aney Snow there to Cool things off like we do. Then she generallie sez Redickulous, set down and i set and got to be kep in after school.

Yesturday in Geograffy she sez Samuel why is their Dikes built around Holland and i sez to keep out the Dutch and she nearlie had a fit and sez why a Third Grade Pupill knows they aint for Militarie Purposes and besides the Dutch is the Peeple that live in Holland and i sez O i thot the Dutch wuz the Germans and she sez you Think to much and dont Studie enuff.

Teachers is suppozed to kno their Bizness but i dont see why we got to learn whats Growed and made in China becauze i aint goin their aney time and Chinks aint much ackount aneyhow becauze Paw sez they cant even wash a Coller without maken a Wreck out of it but of coorse they make Fire Crackers over their which is one good thing and verie usefull.

AN ESSAY ON SPRING

Miss Tinkle Yesturday give us a littel Talk on the Coming of Spring and then ast us all to rite a Peace about it. Hear is what i rote for my Essay which is what Miss Tinkle calls Peaces.

Spring is a grate Time of Year. It is the time when it has quit bein Winter but aint Summer yet and one Injoyable feachure about it is your Maw lets you take off Skatchey Underwhere and put on the kind that aint Skratchey with short legs in them and no arms at all which is very Conveneyunt espechully for Baseball Pitchers like i am on our Team which is the Yung Red Socks.

Spring is got its good Points and its bad Points and one of the bad ones which is the Worst is that Back Yards got to be cleaned up by any Boys who are misforchunate enuff to belong to the House and also House Cleanin is got to be did, which mite be good for the House but is offle bad for the Men Fokes and Boys, but we must be Cheerful and glad to see Spring becauze the Organ Grinder always somes around with a Komical littel Monkey, and when a Fellas got Piggens they begin to hatch and Baseball and Marbels can be played and all like that.

A sad thing about Spring is the end of School comes verie soon and we cant go on with our Edukashun and jest spend our time in Idleniss and play, which is not preparing for the Fuchure when we are goin to grow up and have Responsibel posishuns ilke runnin Street Cars and bein president and all like that, but we go back to our Lessuns

with more Joy and Vigger when the Term begins once more in the fall, aint it so.

That wuz my Peace and when Miss Tinkle read it she sez Samuel yure certainly goin to be a Politishun becauze you can make More Smoke and have less Fire back of it than Aneybuddy i ever did see, and i sed no im not goin to be a Politishun im goin to be a Detecktive and trace bad People and she sez we better keep this Essay and when you get to be a Detecktive mebbie you can trace it down and find sum Common Sense in it.

And she sez that part about bein sorrie the end of School is near, its a wunder you diddent get Ritters Cramp when you pencilled those Words and i sez why Miss Tinkle i hold my Pen the loose way you showed us and my Fingers dont get tired a tall, and she sez Samuel yure goin to be a grate Man but i fear for the kind of Grateness, which i gess she ment she dont like Detecktives which some People dont but if they Behave Theirselves they dont need to worry aint it so.

SPRING'S BIG DRAWBACK

Well Spring has came now and the Birds has came flyen back from the Sunnie South and pertty soon the pertty Flowers will be growen and Fishen can be done and Baseball plaid and it will be Summer.

Spring is a fine time of the Year if it dont rane to much and it makes you feal good because yure kinda sick at yure Stummick frum haven to much Winter and everything is grand and all like that. I put up a Bird House in our back Yard Yesturday which Miss Tinkle sez we shud all ott to do as the love of Nachure is a grand thing and little Song Birds is fine companyuns and shes rite because their kinda nice to have around espechully Robbins which is grate fun to watch when their pullen worms out of the Ground and the worm digs his Tonaes in and holds on and the Robbin pulls to beet the Band and then out comes Mister Worm who is et up by the Redbrest or mebbie took off to his nest, not the Worms nest but the Robbins, and is give to the Yung ones to eat so they will grow and be good singers and get some Feathers with a red brest and Stummick like their Paw and Maw.

Yes Spring is grate stuff which is what Paw sez onlie he sez it is like aneything else in this Sorrie Wurd and it has its Drawback which is House-cleanen, which is always done in the Spring and aint much injoyed by the Men or the Boys to becauze they offen got to Beet Carpits and make themselves usefull like Maw sez which means there

cant be aney fishen done or Baseball plaid or in-joymints of that Nachure till the Housecleanen is all done which takes considderable time.

Paw sez Housecleanen is a Hangover from the anchient times when Peeple wuz like Indians and Gipsies and he sez Sivilized Peeple ott to get over such nonsense. Paw sez this Spring he thinks he will take my Tent and camp out in the back Yard till the storm is passed but of coorse he is onlie foolin. Paw sez Peeple struggle along in there earlie married Life and fix up a little Home and some furnichure in it and everything is lovlie and along comes Housecleanen and then the little Home is all shot to Peaces and for a cupple of Weaks you got to Set on the Cookstove and eat out of the Cubberd shelves and when you aint Beetin Carpits yure spenden yure time Wonderin if life will ever be the same and you will ever get a chance to Sleep in bed insted of hangin yureself on a Nale to spend the nite. Then Paw sez after the Battel is over and whats left of the furnichure is set in place you go thru the House and are verie mournfull becauze all yure Perosnel propertie is no more and the few little Trinkets you loved so well is in the possession of the Ragman or mebbie the Salvashun Armie.

RUSHING THE SEASON

Well, i got a Licken on Saturday, which the reason for was me goin Swimmen two earlie in the Season which i was told not to on ackount of ketchin Cold and gettin Rumatizem or sumthing.

You know it was kinda Cool but the Sun was Brite and Fare and Piggy and Red and Skinney and me and some more of the Fellas was playing Scrub and Red sez lets go Swimmin, and i sez its perty earlie we better wait a Weak or so and he sez Aw dont be a Babie and i sez its all rite to talk about bein a Babie but suppoze we get Rumatizem and got to Walk with a Cane or sumthing.

And Red sez aw we wuddent get Rumatizem and besides what is Horse Chestnuts for if they aint to keep the Rumatizem away. He sez i never new a Boy in my Life who carried a Horse Chestnut in his Pocket all the time that got Rumatizem and i sez sure i carry one two, but we mite get sumthing else like the Gout or Dispepsha.

Piggy and the rest of the Fellas joined in the Argumint and Red sez are you afrade of ketchin Rumatizem two and Piggy sez no but im afrade of ketchin a licken but aney how we all sed we wud just go in a Minnet and Nobuddy cud get Rumatizem or even a Common Cold if they onlie staid in a Minnet. so we went down to Deepie which is the name of our Swimmin Hole and is a bigger one than Trowdy where the littel Kids go that cant swim and jest wade around and pertend their Swimmin.

It was perty Cold but we had a swell time onlie we forgot all about the Minnet and staid in a good

wile and when we cum out Shiverin pertty bad hear we Found our Cloze was tyed and we had to Chaw Beef on our Under Shirts. i gess you know what Chaw Beef means, which the ideea is that you haff to chew the Nots with yure Teeth to get them out. the rite way to Tie Close is to wet the Nots a littel which is the way i always do it, onlie who ever tied ours diddent wet them, so it wuzzent so hard to get them out, but it took severil Minnets and we got pertty Cold.

When i got Home as soon as i went in Mary Ellen sez where have you bin Yung Man and i sez wud you like to know and she sez Maw told you to be Home at 4 o clock to go after those Curtins Misses Edwards is washin, and she looked at my Shoes a minnet and then she grabbed my Hat off and sez Ha Ha yure Hare is soakin wet and i gess i do know whear you bin now. you cant fool me, i saw the Sand on your Shoes the Minnet you come in. what do you know about that, which shows how Sharp Girls is to Notiss things that aint none of their bizness aint it so.

And Mary Ellen was so mad the Curtins had-dent been brung from the Wash Womans to put up in the Parler, not the Wash Woman in the Parler but the Curtins you know that she told Maw and Maw told Paw and good Nite, Samuel got his, and jest becauze that Lizzie of a Elmer was comin to see her and she wanted the House all pertied up.

It jest shows how many mean People there is in the World, some of them tying Close and others that tell on a Fella and all like that, aint it so.

A BAD COLD

It wuddent be so bad gettin a lickin like i did Yesturday for goin Swimmin two earlie but hear if i diddent get a bad Cold and i Coff and Talk thru my Noze and all like that, and gee you ott to hear Everybuddy at Home. Paw sez well well so the Yung Man knows more than his Parunts and goes Swimmin in April does he and Maw sez Samuel diddent i tell you time and time agen that you risk your Life to do things like that, its bad enuff for me to allow you to go Swimmin a tall but think of Aneybuddy goin in a River at this time of Year and i sez its only a Crick Maw but she sez that has nothin to do with it.

And that Smartie of a Mary Ellen sez Ha Ha Mister Smartie, you will will you and i sez yes i will will i and if i want to ile go in agen and i diddent think about Paw setten in the other Room Readin and he hollered out whats that, and i sez i diddent mean about Swimmin Paw, i was talkin about sumthing else, and Mary Ellen sez Haw Haw littel Sammie thinks he is a Big Man and he is onlie a littel Boy and gets Colds and everything. and she sez look out littel Boy or you will get the Croop, which is a Babie Dizease that you coff yure head off with. Jest wait, ile get even with her see if i dont.

And then Aunt Aggie give me a cupple of Leckchures, and you mite think mebbie i robbed a Bank or sumthing turribel the way they all bin pickin at me jest for goin Swimmin.

But i aint the onlie one for Skinney got a Worse Cold than mine and he Grumbles like a Bull Frog

when he talks and Red got a Tooth Ake which swelt all up, and Maw met Misses Obrien down town and told her about Red and all of us goin Swimmin and he got a whalen also, which along with a Tooth Ake is worse than havin just a plane Cold and a Licken, aint it so.

But my Cold was kinda Luckie at that, for i was coffin pertty hard in School today and Miss Tinkle sez Samuel whats the trubbel and i sez i got a Horribel Cold and she sez My My colds are bad but they aint quite Horribel. and after bit i coffed agen and she sez Samuel you seem to be in Distress mebbie you better go Home and Docter up, and i sez yes Miss Tinkle i think i better.

Well, when i got Home Maw sez rite away why did you cum Home and i sez Miss Tinkle sent me Home and she sez rite away before i had a chance to Xplain yure Father will tend to you what have you been doin, and then i told her and it was all rite onlie i had to take some Fearce Medisin and then i wisht i stayed at School.

I seen Red after School and he sez Skinney nearlie coffed his Head off and Miss Tinkle finelly sez Edwurd i fear thats a Simpathetic Cold but i dont think we will Dismiss Aneybuddy else till the Reguler Time, Haw Haw which is a good one on Skinney aint it so.

BRAVE HORATIOUS

Friday is the last Day of School and we are goin to have a big Time and i got to Speak a Peace which the name of is Horashus at the Bridge and Soffie Wingate and Harvey and Lem Tiffel and sum of the other Kids is also got Peaces to Speak and Maw and a good maney Wimmen is comin to the Xercises and mebbie a few Paws but i gess not very maney for Men issent very Strong for speakin Peaces and Singin and all that which you cant blame them much on ackount of.

This Peace about Horashus is a good one and got lots of Xcitement and Fiten in it. Horashus is a Roman which is a kinda People that lived in Afrika or sum Forin Place like that a Cuppel of Hunderd Years ago, and they wore funnie littel Dresses and had bare Nees and had Ribbens around their Heads but they wuzzent Sissies on ackount of the Ribbens becauze they cud fite like Blazes, and they carried Sords and Sheelds around with them all the Time and they wud have a littel Fite very now and then jets like People have a Game of Ball or a littel Game of Marbels.

Well aneyhow this Horashus wuz sum Guy and one of the Best Fitters in Town, and one Day a lot of Foriners cum Walken up the Road with their Sords and Sheelds and mebbie their War Paint on but i aint sure if they Wore War Paint but i gess they did, and hear these Guys thot they wuz jest goin to walk rite in and Capchure the Town, but Horashus wuz perty slick and he seen them comin. Then he made a Speech and sez he cud lick

aney 10 of them with his Hand tyed behind his Back, but he ast for a Cappel of Fellas to Help him jest for Luck, and they went over to the Bridge which the Enemies wuz gettin Close to and sez they Bannered them to come on and these other Guys had a good bit of Nerve and they cum all rite, and o Boy their wuz sum grate Fite.

And this bunch of Smart Alecks had Hunderds in there Gang and Horashus and his Buddies got the Worst of it becauze they wuz out Numbered, and these Fresh Guys thot they had Horashus for sure but he Jumped rite in the Crick and Swum across and Fooled them and i gess he used the Crawl stroke becauze he got across before any of them cud Run around and Ketch him. aint it two bad he ilved in them Days when Prize Fiten and Rasselin haddent been Invented yet, becauze he wud of bin sum Guy if he new how to Lick em with Fists insted of Jabbin them with a Sord.

Well, Ile tell you how i make out with my Peace. i can recite about the fiten part swell and dont forget it but some of the names of Horashuses Buddies is pertty hard and i gess they musta bin poleanders or sumthing, and that part where Horashus makes the Speech is pertty hard and if i wuz him i wuda jest started in fiten and never mind about the Speech aint it so.

THE END OF SCHOOL

This is the last Day of School and the day my Peace is to be Spoke but it aint bin spoke yet on ackount of this bein the Morning and the Clozin Xercises aint till the Safternoon.

Next Weak School will be all over and Swimmin can be Injoyed and Base Ball played and a Swell Time can be had by all us Pupills who has been Worryin about Rithmatick and Grammer and if we are goin to Pass or if we aint and all them things that cauzes much Worrymint and Uninjoymint.

I dont kno yet if i past and Miss Tinkle wont tell us but is goin to announce it the Safternoon which will be kinda hard Luck for the Guys that dont pass Espechully if there Paws and Maws will be their. and i mite be one of the Misforchunate ones you cant tell. Paw sez i bet if you pass it will be by the Width of a Red Hare and he sez i bin two bizzy with my Back Lot Studies to shine much in the Class Room.

But Everybuddy knows Fellas aint supposed to be Brite and always kno there Lessen and Wiggle there Hand everytime the Teacher asts a Questun, unless their Sissies like Pertty Jones and always like to anser every Questun which makes me Sick and i wuddent do it if i cud, but no Danger i wont. Espechully them Suckers of Mental Rithmatick Questuns about how old A is and how far can C walk and how many Yards of Ditch can John bild if his Pap is too Times as old and can Dig 60 Yards and all that kinda Crazie stuff which is a kinda Insult to Pupills who is studyin so they can be

Brite and have good Jobs when they Grow up and be a Creddit to their Parunts and not dig aney Ditches a tall, aint it so, and Monkeyin with Peoples Ages aint aneybuddies Bizness especchully Wimmen who are very Pertickuler about their Ages and wuddent give the rite Figgers so the Problom wuddent cum out rite aneyhow, aint it so.

But all these Trubbels will be over now and us Pupills can breeth Fresh Air and fool Around with Nachure and lissen to the Birds Sing and all that kinda Injoyabel stuff which is much nicer than wor-ryin if Hennery is goin to be twict as old as his Paw 6 Years frum now, or if the Carrybean See is in China or aint a See a tall but mebbie the Capitel of Constantanopel which i dont think i spelt rite but you Heard about it aneyhow, its one of them Crazy places over in Rushia or sum place and we aint got aney Bizness Monkeyin with but they put it in the Geograffy jest the Same.

Well i gess ile cloze now hopein i pass when the Names is red out and feelin pertty sure ile get a Lickin if i dont becauze Paw sez i aint Cracked a Book all Spring and Aunt Aggie sez i bin verie Dillatorie which the Common word for is Lazie i gess, but how can a Fella be studyin his Branes out when Nachure is buzzin around outside and their is lotsa Fun waiten to be had as soon as the Bell Rings which it offen takes a long time to do.

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SPEAKIN' HIS PIECE

Well School is all over and my Peace has been spoke and all the Xercises held and i past, which is grate news and Paw sez well Boy you brung Home the Bacon all rite but i sure wuz afrade you wuz goin to be Oncored and kep in Miss Tinkles Room which he ment by that i wuz goin to Flunk and not pass.

But im Kinda Brite if i do got to say it myself and even if i dont studie my Head off i aint at the Foot of the Class, but sumtimes i do get down pertty Close, but a Miss is better than a Mile as the sayin sez, aint it so.

Jest like i wuz afrade that place where Horashus makes his Speach in the Peace i had to Speak wuz a Dickens of a Place and i had a hard time to get that Speach sed. My peace in the Xercises you kno wuz Horashus at the Bridge and it wuz about a grate Roman fiter that cud Lick a dozen commun Guys with one Hand and all that. well when i cum to the part of the Speach where he sez O Tiber Father Tiber to whom the Romans pray that wuz the part i cuddent Remember. Horashus is wavin his Sord and bannerin these other Guys to come over to the Bridge and he sez how can Man die better than Facin Feerful Odds for the Ashes of his Father and the Temple of his Gods and thats the part whear i got kinda mixed. i cuddent see aney Sense in it in the first Place and i got the Ashes and the Temples and Gods and everything all mixed up and Miss Tinkle had to prompt me, which means whisper the rite way to say it, and

when i got back on the part about the Fite agen i got along Swell. i gess Horashus Paw musta worked in a Factery or sum place and got Burned in a Fire the way the Peace goes and that part about the Gods kinda sounds like Swearin but i gess its all rite or Miss Tinkle wuddent let me say it becauze she wud get week and grab her Smellin Salts if Aneybuddy even sed Darn it when she wuz around.

But the Peaces and Singin and all the Xercises cum off all rite onlie their wuzzent Aneything to Eat and thats what spoils Xercises and keeps them frum bein Injoyabel dont you think so.

Harvey and i and Skinney and Red and all our Fellas past, xcept Lem Tiffel and Spikey and Nig Johnsun, and when i told Paw he sez they musta needed the Room next Year and it is Evidentelly Necessarrie to get you Kids out of the way, which he meant we diddent disserve to pass but he wuz jest Foolin which is the way Paw is.

But Unforchune has overtook us even if we did Pass for theirs goin to be sum New Teachers next Year and Miss Tinkle is moved up to Number 6 with us and O boy think what hard Luck we got jest when we thot we wuz goin to have an Easey Teacher which Miss Tinkle aint, but thats the way Life is and if it aint one thing its 2 as Paw sez and mebbie thats why Miss Tinkle past us jest so she cud be keepin us in and bawlin out etc. forth next Year, which i wuddent put it apast her.

ROBINS IN THE APPLE TREE

We got a Big Robbin red Breest sitten on his nest rite behint our House up in the Appel Tree and we will soon have Yung Robbins flyen around and singen and all like that which is verie nice and we will Injoy.

Aint it funnie how the Misses Robbin sets and sets all day on the Nest and never gets tierd or aneything like yude think she wud and mebbie Fly away a little wile. But of coorse if she wud Fly away the eggs wud get Cold and wuddent Hatch out and all the trubble wud be for nothing and their wuddent be aney little Robbins.

Ide think a good Idea wud be for the Robbins to get a little peace of Cloth and cover it over the Eggs to keep them warm and then they cud Fly away for a little wile and go sum place and have a good time and the Misses Robbin wuddent get tierd setten around all the time like she most Likelie does. of coorse i gess they never think of that or mebbie the Mister Robbin wuddent stand for aney such Monkey biziness and wud be scared sum of them little Suckers of Sparros wud cum along and bust the Eggs or sumthing mean like that which i wuddent put apast them becauze they got mean Disposishuns and carry on offle.

Last year Paw cum home with a nice Ren box which you kno is for little Rens that aint such swell Birds to look at like Robbins with Red Stummicks and all like that but just the same their sum Singers and cute little Fellas. Well me and Paw put it up in the Pair Tree and wated for the Rens to get in

it which they did and wuz just setten up House-keepin like Paw sez when hear cums a lot of them little Suckers of Sparros and set on top of the House and tried to fly in the Hole and Picked the poor little Rens and scared them to Death and they kep that up a cupple of Days and the Rens just got tierd of bein pestered and Floo away sum place else whear their wuzzent aney Sparros i gess becauze we diddent see them aneymore and we wuz offle sorrie and thru Rocks at the Sparros but they jest laffed at us and Floo away everie time and its hard to hit a Sparro with a Rock even if yure a good Baseball Pitcher becauze they can fly pertty fast ile tell you.

But Robbin Red Breests is pertty big and can take care of themselves and Lick the Sparros if they get too gay, so i gess our Yung Ones is goin to get Hatched out all rite which i hope so aneyway and im kinda keepen a Eye on the Cats which is offen as mean as the Sparros but they dont want to get gay around hear when im around becauze i dont like Cats aneyhow and hit them with a Rock 4 times out of 5 or mebbie the hole 5 times it my Arm is in good shape like it is when im pitchin.


BEANS AND CABBAGE

I jest got thru Eatin my Dinner which Mary Ellen calls Lunch to be stileish and a Lunch is when you aint got much and jest eat Sanwitches and have a Make Beleave Meel which we do sum Times when Maw is washin or House Cleanin but Paw aint much in Faver of it or neether am i becauze when a Fella Works hard at School and Studys his Branes out he gets perty Hungrie, aint it so.

We had Beans for Dinner Today which i aint Fond of a Bit and i think their as bad as Cabbige onlie more so, and i prefer Pie or Appel Dumplings aney Day to Beans, but you cant tell about sum People and they are libbel to Like aneything and Beans is one of them.

Paw thinks Beans is swell and he sez i ott to eat more of them and they wud put a littel Uppolstering on me if i did and i wuddent be such a Spindel Shanks, and Paw wuz teazin Mary Ellen becauze she duzzent like Beans ether, and he sez Sis yude grow out of that Tooth Pick Desine yure Bilt on if yude eat more Beans and things like that. Yes, Paw sez Mary Ellen is thin enuff to Read a News Paper thru and duzzent even throw a Shaddo if she stands Sideways, and he sez its all becauze she Eats Pickels and Pretzils and littel Brick a Brack like that insted of Regular Stuff.

Paw sez it usta be that a Family had about one big Pot full of Stuff like Mush or Cabbige or Beans or Sumthing and a littel Bread on the Side and the Kids wud line up along the Festive



Board and Rapp there littel Selves around this Stuff in grate Shape, but now Days Kids is got to be Pamperd and they dont like this hear and they dont like that their and the Cook of the House got to be a Book Keeper to get Everything strate and be sure one of the 3 Year Old Offsprings aint goin to Turn up his Noze at the Meal when its Dished out.

Paw sez what the Spoild Kids Today needs is a Chance to get Hungrie and it wuddent be long till they wuz Cryin for there Cabbige and boilt Potatos. that mite be the rite Dope but the Cabbige wud boil till it wuz Black in the Face before i wud Cry for it on ackount of me not liken it a tall.

Pie is the Thing im Fondent of and next to that Ice Cream and i dont cre if its Old Fashuned or New Fashuned or what it is and Beans and Cabbige is all rite if you like them and dont kno aney better but i do. i mean i kno better but i dont mean i like them i gess you see what i mean because most Aneybuddy cud even if i do get a littel bit Mixt up.

VICTORY ON THE DIAMOND

Well i gess we aint got sum Team and you will think We have when i tell you what we did to the Shanty Town Cubs on Saterday with me Pichen, of coorse you mite kno that frum the Fact we licked them which is most generallie what happens when i pitch onless the other Team got more men and all ours dont Show up on ackount of havin to cleen the Yard or Chop Nite Wood or sumthing like that which is Disgracefull for a Base Ball Player to haff to do but it cant sumtimes be helped on ackount of Parunts not thinken a Base Ball Game is Importint, even if it is a Game in the Serious, which ours wuz on Saturday and the 2und We cleened up the Shanty Town Cubs, which is the Name they got on ackount of most of their Kids bein frum down across the Rale Road where Shanty Town is.

By Gosh i forgot to tell you the Score which is the First thing to be Told about a Game aint it so. well the Skore wuz 31 to 19 and i Clame the Shanty Towners onlie got 14 but they sez they got 19, but whats the diffrence about a haff a Dozzen or so Runs. we beet and the Proof of the Puddin is in the Cook, aint it so as the Sayin Goes. Pud Wagnir who is the Capten of the Shanty Towners had the Nerve to say we onlie got 26 Runs what do you kno about that when i got about a Dozzen Myself and Run around the Bases till i wuz dizzy which comes frum Me bein a Pertty Good Hitter if i do say it Myself, which shows sum Pitchers can hit and im one of them.

Well, this hear Game is goin to be put in a Peace and will be in the Herld this Weak which is the Name of our Paper and is Printed every Weak if the Press duzzent brake down or Mister Bower-socks aint sick who is the Editer and also the Jan-iter Paw sez and the Printers Devvil which you mite think is Swearin but it aint becauze thats the rite Name for a Guy who is the kinda Handy Man in a Printer Shop who Sharpens the Pencils i gess and takes the Corks out of the Bottels to put the Ink on the Paper and all like that.

But everything is got its Misadvantige aint it so, and hear we Won the Game but we lost my Ball on ackount of playin down by the Tannery and a Guy Nocked a Foul over in the Bushes and we cuddent find the Ball or else sum kid Pinched it which i wuddent put it apast one of them Shanty Town Kids to do in a Holy Minnet, but Nockin Fouls cant be helped espechully when i pitch becauze im pertty hard to hit Fare. i diddent count the Hits on Saturday but their wuzzent verie maney off me but i had a good Maney Strike Outs which i diddent count either in ackount of their being to maney and i wuda got tierd and got a Head Ake frum trying to count so much and Pitch at the same Time.

WELCOME, LITTLE STRANGERS!

What do you think them Yung Robbins is Hatched out up in the Appel Tree which wuz jest Eggs sevril Weeks ago. The Misses Robbin she set on them all the time ever since and kep them nice and warm and now she is got a Family of Yung Childrun insted of jest a cupple of Eggs.

You had ott to see them littel Raskills which is two darn funnie for aneything. i clum up the Tree and had a good look at them the other Day jest after they wuz out of the Shells. They diddent have even a Singel Feather on and wuz pertty near all Head but now they have Growed a littel bit and got great big Gizzards and littel Fuzzy Feathers and the biggest Mouths you ever seen.

They dont have aney reguler Meels but are jest eaten all the time and they jest about keep the Misses Robbin and the Paw Robbin busie flyen around and gotten things to eat for them. i watched them frum the upstares Window and its funnie how they feed the littel Suckers. They fly up to the Nest with a nice Jucie Worm or sumthing good to eat like that and both the littel ones Open there Mouths so wide yude be afrade they wud break their Jaw bone and they holler to beet the Band but not verie loud becauze their so littel, but they holler pertty lour for such littel Fellas.

Then the Misses Robbin or the Paw which ever is got the Worm he puts it down in their Mouths and pushes it down in their Throts till yude be afrade the big one mite punch a Hole in the littel Childruns Gizzard or sumthing. And then the

Yung ones jest eat it up in one Bite and dont Chew it or aneything which ide think wud be offel bad for them and they wud get Indijestun or sumthing like that but Worms is kinda soft and i gess they dont need to be Chewed. well jest like Paw sez there welcome littel Strangers and we are glad to have them and all like that and i put the Rocks to 3 Cats alreadie thats been spooked around to see if they cuddent clime the Tree mebbie and eat the littel Birds for their Dinner.

HORNETS VS. BLOODY ATERS

Wuz You ever Stung by a Hornit or a Be becauze if you wuzzent You wuz pertty Luckie, espechully if You wuzzent Stung by a Hornit becauze they are the worst Suckers to Sting You their is. i got Stung on Sevril Occashuns by both Bes and Hornits stingen me and Also Yella Jackits, which is also turribel to get Stung with.

Well as i sez the Hornits is about the worst Ones of the Hole Gang and its bad enuff if jest one gets you but its a good bit worse when 2 lites on You and its Turribel when 3 of them Stings you which is how maney lit on me Yesturday and also Stung me good and Propper.

You see the way it cum about we wuz havin a Advenchure up at Pollys Nob whear we got our Seekrit Cave which is the Hedquarters of our Gang of Bloody Aters. Well we fixed it all up to have sum of our Band Massakred by the Indiens which i wuz to be the Cheef of and Spring out frum Ambushes and fall upon the Settlers which wuz goin to Church along the Road and which Red wuz to be the Captin of and watchen out for Indiens becauze Pollys Nob wuz Supposed to be a Turribel Wild Woods like the Pillgrims used to live in and fite Indiens.

Well everything cum along all rite and i had my Men hid in Ambushes and all Reddy with our Bows and Arows and Red and his Men all had long Sords and Guns and all like that which wuz jest Wudden ones but wuz Supposed to be Reel ones. well when the Pillgrims got up apast a Tree

which we sez wud be the rite Place me and my Blood Thirstie Men give our Turribel War Whoopes and dashed out frum the Ambushes to Massaker them.

Well we wuz Massakerin them about Proper when Red cum at me with his long Wudden Sord and we got Fiten in sum bushes and littel Trees and Red wuz waven his big long Sord and hear if he diddent nock the Roof off a big Hornits Nest and then Good Nite. their wuz sumthing doin rite away which wuz me and Red and all the rest of the Pillgrims and Desprit Blood Thirstie Indians runnen down the road to beet the Band and the Hornits cummin along rite after us. Red got Stung 4 times and Skinney onlie onct and i got Stung 3 times which wuz on the Lip and the Neck and the Hand and the Hornits busted up the Adventure ile tell you and you mite think our Armie wuz all Cowards to run but Beleeve me that is about all a Armie can do when Hornits cums buzzen around becauze if you get a Stick or Aneything and try to hit them why they jest Laff at You and mebbie when you are tryen to hit them one Place they aint their a tall but are around liten on the Back of Yure Neck getten Reddie to Sting you.

PERTTY JONES' PONY

Pertty Jones got a Ponie and i wish i had one which wud be grate sport as it cud be rode every day just like a Cowboy does and a fella cud enjoy hisself and get fine xercize which Everybuddy needs and i told Paw but he sez nothin doin and he aint a Millyunare to be keepin Saddel horses for the Family to be riden out in search of fresh air.

You kno Pertty Jones aint a bad kid after all and me and him is pertty good companyuns and he is goin to let me ride his Ponie pertty offen. Of coorse he used to be a kinda sissie but hes gotten over that and i licked him a cupple of times and mebbie picked at him a little but it was rong and playmates oughten to fite and we are goin to be good Friends after this.

He just got the Ponie yesturday and it is a peach. it got a star on his forehead and white stockins and is called Billie and dont kick and is a splendid animul. It aint one of these little Babbie Ponies like Shetlunds but is a Texas Ponie and is bigger and can go some ile tell you. His Paw brung it home yesturday and me and Pertty tended to it all day and stayed in the Stabel with Billie till pertty late last nite becauze he mite be lonesome in his new Home and we wanted him to kno he had good Friends around. We just got a little ride apeace yesturday becauze he had a long trip comin to Perttys house and was pertty tirde. They aint got any saddle for him yet and we rode Bareback like Indians does. Beleeeve me Indians must of put Molasses on there pants to stick on them Ponies

when they run fast becauze when i sez to Billie get up so he wud go fast i pertty near bounsed off and wud of onlie i grabbed on to his Main and held on tite. But i kep bobbin up and down and he dont seem to trot just rite and bounses you around to much. I gess we will have to trane him to run steadier and keap his back a little bit stiller.

When i went home for Supper last nite i wuz late and as soon as i went in Everybuddy sez what in the wurld is rong with you and wear have you bin and i told them about our new Ponie which aint mine of coorse but Pertty sez i can help tend to him. And Maw and Mary Ellen nearlie had a fit and sez you ott to be fumagated and you smell like a old Liverie stabel. Paw sez young man you better go out and burrie yourself, you smell like a Cirkus tent, which was all foolishness for them to be fussen about just becauze mebbie you cud sniff a little smell like a Stabel if you tride real hard.

IN BAD SHAPE

Riden Ponies is grate sport wile the riden is goin on but pertty poor sport the next day espechully if you ride verie much and aint got a Saddle which me and Pertty aint got for our Ponie which is his you kno but i help mind it and got a kinda Intrist in the animul.

Well you kno we did a good bit of riden yesturday and give Red and Harvey and Piggy a few but mostlie took them ourselves. it was grate pas-time and verie enjoyibel Yesturday but im so sore i cant hardlie walk Today and Pertty just about cant walk a tall because he aint as tuff as i am and his mussels aint so good and get sore quicker.

When i cum downstares this morning i diddent cum verie fast and diddent cum quite frontways like People most generully does but kind of sideways and pertty slow too. Paw he sez whats the matter Stub, have you got a touch of Rumatizem or Gout and i sez i dont kno what is the matter and Paw sez mebbie you broke yure leg yesturday and diddent kno it till today. Maw she wuz scared and sez Samuel how did you hurt Yureself and Mary Ellen sez i bet he renched hisself playen football or sumthing which shows how much a girl knows when she sez mebbie a fella gets hurt playen football in the Spring when onlie marbels is played and you aint supposed to be playen football.

Then i sez i was riden Horseback yesturday and got kinda stiff frum not haven a saddle. And Paw he laffed as if it was turrible funnie and sez sum

Cowpuncher which you kno is a ruff kind of nick-name for Cow Boy.

And then i told them about riden a good bit on Billie whose the Ponie and a pertty good one onlie he dont run kinda steadie but bounces you a good bit. Well Maw sez i gess you will get all rite and Paw sez the next time Stub you will haff to get Chaps and Spurs and you will be a reguler Rider and wont get sore. Them Chaps is onlie big woolie pants and the wool aint on the bottom so i dont see how they wud do aney good and i gess Paw was just foolin, which he is grate for doin.

A QUIET SUNDAY

You kno im pertty religeous and go to Church and Sunday School and everything but i think Sunday is a kind of a slow day dont you, espechully in the afternoon when their is nothing to be did xcept just wate around for Supper.

Up to our House on Sunday afternoon me and Snicker whose my dog is the onlie ones that seems a bit livelie as Everybuddy else just acks like they wuz all played out and needed a rest bad. Maw pertty near always goes to bed and so does Aunt Aggie espechully if she has got the Head Ake which she most generallie has. Mary Ellen jest sets around and reeds but she onlie reeds with one eye as she jest watches for a Chance to yammer about me maken noize or muddyen the carpits or getten in the Cubbard to see if theirs aney Pie or aneything good setten around. Paw he sets around and reeds and Smokes his Pipe.

Me and Snicker has a turrible time tryen to do sumthing which wont cauze a uproor from the hole Family. Mary Ellen is jest like a Centinel in the armie whose a fella that keaps his eye peeled for doins and lets the Admirl or the General kno whats goin on. Its the same way with Mary Ellen. She sez to Paw look at the way Samuel is tracken mud in the House or else Paw jest see how that dirtie old dog is walken threw the Parler. And if i oppen the Cubbard door she yells like a Indien and comes runnin out to see whats goin on.

Yesturday which wuz Sunday you kno me and Snicker went down in the Celler and started up

a littel Cirkus which wuzzent doin aney harm and when i wuz tranen Snick to jump threw a Hoop which he diddent do verie good, we nocked over the wash tubs that wuz piled up and as they are tin ones it made a littel racket and Everybuddy in the House had to come runnin down and tell what a scoundril i wuz. And then when things got quite agen we went out in the back Yard and i wuz thinken about hitchen Snick up to my xpress wagen when Edwurdses cat come walken in threw the back Gate as fresh as you pleeze and i hissed Snick after her and she went up the Pair Tree and he started to Bark like you kno dogs does when they wud like to lick a Cat and cant ketch her and the hole family come out, or the ones that wuz upstares put there Heads out the window and sez if i diddent come in and ack like a Christun they wud do plenty of things to me, so me and Snick went in and jest set around and i started to reed Treazure Iland agen which is a grate Book.

GREEN APPLES

I red in the Paper Yesturday a Kid et sum Green Appels sum place and died frum it, and i ferget whear the Place wuz but the Appels must get Ripe offle quick their. i bin watchin the Appels at Jud Tiffels Farm which we go apast when we go Swimmin and their onlie about as big as Horse Chestnuts and taste worse than eatin Lemen Skins or sumthing which i know becauze i tride one.

Appels is fine Froot and Good for People which is why i eat them and also becauze i like them. Paw sez eat an Appel a Day and you will keep the Docter away, but i alwyas eat 4 or 5 to be sure.

Aint it funnie how if you eat them Appels i mean when their Ripe they make you well and are good for you and if you eat them before their Ripe they almost tie you in a Not which is what the Collick does and the Collick is what Green Appels gives you. im kinda Tuff that way and offen et a Cuppel of Green ones and diddent get Sick and last spring Red Obrien sez he heard if you put Salt on Green Appels you cud eat as maney as you please and they wuddent make you sick and he et 6 with Salt on but he got Sick aneyhow and i onlie et 2 and i got kinda Sick but mebbie i put two much Salt on them and i drunk Water like a Fish and mebbie the Water and Salt and misripe Appels wuz a bad Mixchure.

Nachure is kinda funnie that way and jest like Miss Tinkle sez, She does everything her own way.

Nachure i mean and not Miss Tinkle. yes Miss Tinkle doez two and i gess she must be a Good bit like Nachure, but shes a School Teacher and of coorse there the Boss and have Nobuddy but the kids their so they can have their own way all they Pleeze. but like i sez, Nachure wates till Shes Reddy and you cant Monkey with Chestnut Burs till there Ripe or they will jag the Fingers off you, and Green Froot and Berrys will make you Sick and Mapel Sap cant be got out of the Trees till Nachure sez so and Swimmin cant be Injoyed till Nachure lets it get Warm enuff and Skatin cant be Injoyed till Nachure sez o k and lets the Ice Freez and there cant be aney Sled Ridin till Nachure sez let her go and the Snow begins to start to fall down in Flakes and Fishen cant be started till Fishen Seazon but i gess that aint Nachure but the Laws becauze you get pinched if you Fish two soon, but aneyhow Nachure certunly has things her own way and cant be Fooled with and thats why they call her She.

But aneyhow i wont take aney Chances with Appels till they get a littel bigger, becauze when their onlie as big as Horse Chestnuts a Fella is takin a Chance and mite Croke like that Kid in the Paper did and this wud be a Dum Time to Croke rite at the Beginnin of Vakashun and it wuddent be so bad jest when School is startin but of coorse the Kid cuddent of dyed from eatin Green Appels then becauze Appels is Ripe in the fall and wuddent hurt aneybuddy onless they et 100, which aneybuddy wuddent do, but Red Obrien mite, you cant tell.

HOT WEATHER

Its kinda hot wether we are havin aint it. i like hot Wether first trate on ackount of it being verie Injoyable for Swimmin and goin in yure Bare Feet and all like that, onlie i cant run in my Bare Feet verie much on ackount of gettin cut on Glass and things and stubbin my Toes, which is the reazon im called Stubby. when i was a littel Kid i balled to go in my Bare Feet a cupple of times and every Time Maw let me i stubbd my Toe, and Paw started to call me Stubby, which is bin my Principle Name even sinct.

But to get back onto Brass Tacks agen about the Wether, you kno Paw is kinda Fat and minds it a good bit when it is Hot. He sez Yesturday well the time is about a Rived when ile start to feel like a Sawser of Melted Butter and i sure hate to see the hot Wether comin.

Paw sez he is goin to keep Cool this Summer if he got to wear a Cheese Cloth Coat and Fly Net Pants, and take all his Meals in the Celler. he sez frum the First of june till the last of Awgust he Feels like a Weenie in a pot full of Boilen Sower Crout.

Mary Ellen sez she likes hot Wether and Paw sez if i had Yure Dimnshuns i cud set in the Oven on Top of a Loaf of Bred and i wud feel Chilley. Paw sez Mary Ellen is so thin she cud go down and set on the Equator and let her feet hang over and she wud be shiverin all the Time, but he sed it is differunt with him becauze he is Built on the generil plan of a Brick Coal Shed and when he

begins to Soak in Heat it duzzent go out the other side but gets lost in their and he begins to Fry.

Its funnie about how its Cold one Time and so Hot another aint it. of coorse we kno it cant be Helped and is on ackount of their being a North Pole and a South Pole and a Equator and Zones and all that stuff, which is got the Earth so mixed up that it cant get the Wether straitened out and stay the same all of the Time. of coorse Xplorers are always huntin the Poles and Latitude and Longatude and all that stuff and sum day they will all be found and Fixed up the way they belong and then it will stay jest the way we want it, which wont be two Warm or two Cold but jest rite, and that will be verie Swell and Injoyabel, aint it so.

SWAT THE FLY

Aint Flys the worst littel Suckers to be pesteren People all the time you ever seen which i think they are.

We got a good maney up at our House frum Maw havin Cabbige for Supper last Nite which Flys likes to beet the Band and they cum runnen when its gotten Cooked. you see Flys is got pertty good Nozes and can smell like Sixtie and Cabbige smells pertty strong aney how and the Flys is always on the Job when they kno yure Haven it and then Paw sez they kinda get to like you and stick around.

Mary Ellen dont like Cabbige a bit and gets mad when we have it becauze it makes the House kinda Smelly and if Cumpany cums after Supper they kno what we had and Paw sez O Sis their aint aney Harm in that becauze we Pade for it and besides he sez you had ott to feal Proud when we got Cab-bige now becauze its so Xpensive that People will think we are pertty Classie and got a Heavie Bank Ackount which means the Munney you got saved up.

But like i sez about Flys their the worst littel Suckers and a offle Noosance. Paw hates Flys to beet the Band and he sez he wud jest about as soon have a Rattelsnake on him as a Fly which of coorse he dont quite mean, and one Day when the Flys wuz pertty Bad Aunt Aggie sez to Paw Swat the Fly and Paw grunted and sez Dam the Fly which kinda shocked Aunt Aggie a littel becauze she is offle Pertickuler about Swearin.

Aunt Aggie is got a cupple of Swatters which is Advertizemints and is give away by Jacksons Hardwhear store if you buy something or if you dont and i got 2 of them and Aunt Aggie she chases the Flys around the House and yude die Laffen to see her Swatten them.

You kno Flys is pertty Foxie and a big one will mebbie sit on the Tabel and she will cum on her Tiptoes so he cant Hear her and then she will raze up the Swatter offle carefull and bang it down hard enuff to kill a Cow or something and say Ha Ha and think she smashed the littel Sucker all into Jellie and then she will lift the Swatter up reel Carefull and the Fly wont be their a tall but will be setten up on the Sealing whear she cant reach him, which is kinda funnie when you Think about it how Flys can stand on their Heads and walk around and never fall which they dont do or aney-how i never seen aney.

Flys is pertty Foxie about sum things but their also pertty Dum becauze when People sets Fly paper on the Tabel they jest lite rite on it and then they cant get away aneymoore which is pertty Dum and Yude think they wud kno better wud-dent you. And sumtimes a Dum Fly wil lite rite in the Butter when it is Soft and You can pick him rite out with yure Fingers if your Maw dont see you becauze he got Butter all over his Feet and Stummick and Wings and all like that and cant Fly a tall.



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PAW'S CATCH OF FISH

Well Paw got Home and he onlie got 3 little ones, Trout i mean which he went Fishen for earlie this Morning and cum Home at Supper time offle tirde and Hungrie and kinda mad he diddent get more like old man Perkins who wuz with him and got 9 onlie i gess hes a Old Timmer and knows jest how to ketch them.

Maw laffed and she held them up and sez the poor littel things its a shame they wuz took away from there Mamma which made Paw kinda mad and he sez you dont suppoze Trout get as big as Shad or Sharks do you and Maw sez no but i always thot they wuz a litel bigger than Tadpoles.

And Mary Ellen who Paw is always Kiddén she sez kinda Innisient like, Paw how old do you Suppoze the littel things is, a cupple of Weaks, and Paw sez you never mind tryen to be funnie Sis, them Fish is a good Size and will make a nice Meel for me and none of the rest of You needs to eat aney. Maw she sez grashus how yure Appatite has Shrunk, mebbie there is more than a Meal there and we ott to save one till Tomorrow, and Paw sez if you dont want to Cook them ile Cook them myself.

Well Maw cooked them and they kinda frizzled up in the Pan when they wuz Fride and looked like little Sardeans and she laffed sum more when she put them out on Paws plate and he sez Hear Bub ile give you one which he did and i et and it wuz sum good beleeve me, but of coorse their wuz onlie about one bite and mebbie a haff.

Then when Paw wuz putten his new Boots and Tackel away Maw sez my grashus, about 10 Dollars worth of monkey bizness just to get out and get three littel Babie fish. And Paw sez dont you understand it aint the Fish its the Xercize and the Fresh Air and all like that. And Maw she sez why its splendid Xercize beeten Carpits and you never want to do that and she sez the Air out in our back Yard always seamed nice and Fresh to me, but of coorse if yure extra Pertickuler why mebbie you have got to go far away frum Home and he sez well i gess i better stay Home and do my Casting in the Gold Fish Bole the next time and Maw sez yes i gess yude get about as maney and they wud be just about as big which made Paw offle mad.


AT THE CIRCUS

Well, we had a swell Cirkus at our Town Yes-turday and i wuz their with Paw and ile haff to tell you all about it.

Their wuz a millyun Peeples there and their wuz a grate maney Childrun among the Peeples and a good maney of them Bawled and wuz cryen for Peenuts and Balloons and all like that and then mixed up with that Noize wuz the millyun Peeples talken and the Band playen fit to bust and the Giraffes and Liuns and Tigers and Lepperds and Elafunts and Kamels and all them Wild Animals carryen on becauze they wuz hungrie or mebbie becauze they wud like to get loose and Eat a cupple of Peeples jest for Sport and the Fellas that sell about a Pennies worth of Peenuts for a Nickel and rob you out of a Dime for a Bottle of Pop. they wuz all hollern turrible so Everybuddy wud buy their stuff and all them Noizes wuz grate and made you kno you wuz at a Cirkus and Injoyen yureselfs first trate.

I think them Giraffes is the funneyst Animuls that is and what ide like to kno is how they got the spots on them and why there hint legs aint long like there front ones which is too long and they always look as if they wuz jest goin to set down and take a rest.

And another funnie thing i wonder about is why sum of the Kamels is got 2 Humps on there Backs and other ones onlie got jest 1 Hump and the Zeebray with all the stripes on like a Flag is a funnie one two and ide like to kno how he got the Stripes on. they are just the same Color as the



spots on the Giraffes and you cant tell mebbie sum of them Foxie show Fellas put sum of them Stripes and Spots on with Paint onlie i gess mebbie they diddent but i wuddent put it apast them for they sold Paw Researved Seat Tickets and the Seats wuz all took up when we got their and we had to go another place and Paw wuz sum sore and told the Fella they wuz a Bunch of Robbers but it diddent make the Fella mad a bit.

Well we wuz in the Sideshow and seen a Woman that et Sords as slick as Greece and another Woman which wuz about as fat as a House mebbie, or not quite, yes i gess she wuz as fat as, a little House. And then their wuz Wimmen with Wiskers and Men that had Tattoos all over them till they looked like Garter snakes onlie they had Pickchures on them also.

Id eed a big Book to rite down about all that wuz did in the Big Show. Their wuz aney amount of Clowns which wud make you laff till yude pertty near Bust and Butifull Wimmen in Pink Tites that slung each other around up on high Trapeezes and yude think everie minnet Sumbuddy wud fall and get their Neck broke or their Arm aneyhow but their wuzzent aneybuddy hurt a tall. Then their wuz strong Men that cud pick Fellas up and sling them around jest like they wuz littel Babys.

Yes and their wuz Bears that set rite up on Bisickles and Monkeys that skinned the Cat on a Trapez and Swell looken Wimmen that did all kind of Monkeyshines on Horseback and Chinemen that Hung by there Pig Tales and Whirled around so fast yude think their wuz 2 Chinemen or mebbie 3. O it wuz grate and i had a swell time and so did Paw.

NATIONAL DECAY

It seams to me the Forth of July is goin to the Dogs and not much Fun can be had on that Holli-day on ackount of the Fraidy Cat Ideeas about Kids burnin there Fingers if they Shoot off Fire Crackers and have a littel Fun which is what the Day is for.

It use to be you cud by Swell Fire Crackers but Nuthin doin aney more, and all you can get is sum littel Sparkellers and Baby things for littel Kids about as big as a Pop Bottel to play with, and a Fella cant by aney Regular Fire Works on ackount of mebbie gettin Burned a littel bit, which wuddent hurt aneybuddy Xcep for a few Minnets and then the Pane is all over and look at the Swell Time you had.

It ust to be you cud get swell Packiges of Squibs for 10 Cents with about a Hunderd in and of coorse sum of them wuz hiszers and wuddent go off rite, but what cud you Xpect out of a hole Hunderd. And then for a Penny you cud get 2 Red Ones without aney Riten or aneything on and they had a Red Stem and wuz also Red all over and Cracked swell and hardly aney of them wuz ever Hissers, and then for a Penny A Piece you cud get swell big long ones and O Boy you ott to hear how they wud go off, and if yude put a Can over them they wud Shoot her up pertty near as High as Yure Head onlie you wuddent have yure Head their to Meazure becauze you wud get it Binged if you did, and these Fire Crackers wuz called Nashunal Saloote and O Boy but they Cracked swell and onlie for a Penny 2.

And Roamin Candels cud also be bot but not by Kids on ackount of Costin 2 much but the Kids Paws usuallie brung them Home and also Pin Wheels and Spit Devvils and all kinds of stuff and also Flour Pots which sure looked swell when they went off all rite but they sum Times diddent.

But Times is changed and they think Everybuddy is Babys now and ott to onlie Drink Lemmon Ade on the forth and here the Band play and all that which is all rite if you got other Injoymint 2, but aint aney good if its all you got, and if Washington and Franklin and Admirl Grant and all them Nobel Heroes new People wuz goin to Spoil the forth and make a Sissie Day out of it i bet they wuddent of Fought there Heads off and run around in the Snow in their Bloody Feet and all that which wuz did so we cud have the Forth of July and there Ansesters cud Injoy Theirselves, aint it so.

But thats the way it goes and Every Thing is goin to the Dogs which is what Paw always sez and and hes Rite and knows what he is talkin about if i do got to say it Myself.

A SAFE AND SANE FOURTH

Well i had a Swell Time on the Forth even if i diddent have aney Fire Crackers or any to amount to much, becauze i did have a few but they wuz jest littel ones and diddent make aney more noize than Crackin yure Chewin Gum, which is hard to do but i can.

We all went out to the Pines on the Forth whear the hole Town had a Picknick for to raze Munney for the Fire Cumpanie and they had a Ball Game which wuz a Rotten one becauze our Town got beet and Homeburg licked them, onlie like Paw sez they had 10 Men in their Teem which the Empire wuz one of them and give Decizions which wuz Turribel and he ott to bin Hung or sumthing.

Paw wuz at the Game and rooted till he talked Horse like he had the Tonsilitus and Maw sez the way he Hollered wuz Disgracefull and she kep pullin his Arm and sez Hennerry dont get so worked up, and Paw hollered yes Womman but did you see what that Robber did, he called Jim Flinn out and he wuz safe a Mile and Maw sez well jest as long as you kno hes Safe what are you worried about.

Gee it wuz hot and Everybuddy Swet and Hollered and drank Pop and had a grate Time besides the Picknick which had lots of Good Eats at it. i onlie got burnt onct which the reazon wuz i had a littel Fire Cracker that diddent go off and i made a Hisser out of it and it wuddent lite and then when i thot it wuzzent goin to go it fooled me and hissed, and it hissed rite on my Finger, but Maw put Soda

and stuff on it and i gess i wont get Lock Jaw, which must be a bad dizease on ackount of not being abel to open yure Mouth to eat aneything, even Pie or Ice Cream.

I drunk 9 bottels of Pop Yesturday, which 3 of them wuz Pink and one Yella and 2 Brown and 3 Black ones, and Paw sez Bub i bet the inside of you looks like you wuz Camel Flagged with Easter Dies, which he ment by that i wuz all Colord and i dont know mebbie i wuz at that but it felt pertty good inside to drink them.

Paw sez he drunk all the shades of the Rainbow hisself and he hoped it wuddent Soak thru and stane Him Outside or he wud look like a Cirkus Poster.

But like Paw sez Times is going to the Dogs and the Forth aint what it ust to be, when all kinds of swell Fire Works wuz Shot off and big Fire Crackers as long as a Stick of Peppermint Candy cud be bot and i bet Washingtun and Lincoln and Grant and all them Patreyots that started the Forth of July wud be sore if they new it wuz all spoiled and no more Fire Works cud be bot and good Times cuddent be had with them aneymore, but thats the way things goes as the Poet sez and if it aint one thing its 2 or 3.

THE LUCKY STONE

I found a Swell Luckey Stone Yesturday down along the Crick and it alreddy brot me sum Luck becauze Paw give me a Nickel last Nite and also i found a Nife i lost down by the Tannery. of coorse it onlie had one good Blade and that wuz Broke off a littel bit on the End but it has a Swell Temper in it and will be a good one to Trade and get a better one.

This hear Luckey Stone looks like a White Jelley Bean and when i cum Home last Nite Mary Ellen wuz readin on the Front Porch and i sez do you want a Bite of Swell Candy and she sez Uh Huh and diddent look up but reached out her Hand and i give her the Luckey Stone and she put it in her Mouth and tride to Bite it. then she spit it out and sez you littel Retch you mite of made me Brake off a Tooth and she chased me around to the Back Yard but she cuddent ketch me in a Year becauze im a pertty Good Runner, Spechully when Sum-buddy is after me.

This Morning i wuz down to Harveys and we wuz Playin Checkers on the Front Porch and he Beet me a Game and i jest happened to think about havin this hear Swell Luckey Stone and i sez now i got you and i took out my Luckey Stone and put her on the Tabel besides the Checker Bord and by gosh i beet him rite away and he sez it wuzzent fare becauze he diddent have aney Luckey Stone to help him out and he wuddent Play aney more.

Sum Peepil dont beleave in Luck but that Checker Game jest shows how Important it is and

a Fella ott to always have a Luckey Stone or a Rabbit Foot or a Luckey Coin in his Pockit becauze he is takin a Chance if he goes around without Sumthing to Help his Luck.

Its the Worst kinda Luck their is to have a Black Cat run acrost the Road in front of you, but if one does the best way to brake the charm is to Hit it with a Rock. when a Black Cat runs acrost in front of me i always chase it till i get a Chance to hit it with a Rock. One day down in the Alley back of Millwoods Butcher shop a Black Cat run apast in front of me and i chased it up the Alley and it run under a Fence and i tride to get threw a Hole in the Fence after it and i Bumped my Head a turribel Crack and a Lump cum on it as big as a Goose Egg. well, mebbie it wuzzent that big but it wuz as big as a Bantey Egg aneyhow. but that jest shows how Misforchunate it is to have a Black Cat run in front of you and a Fella got to be Carefull.

PICNIC PLANS

Well Tomorro is the Day we are goin to Paws Club Picnick and we are pertty bizzy at our House gettin reddy. Paw cum Home for Dinner and it wuzzent reddy yet and Maw wuz bizzy with the Picnick things and Paw sez jest becauze we are goin to Stuff ourselves Tomorro is no reazon why we should ott to Starve Today.

So Maw hurried around and got a littel Dinner and Paw sez i gess this Hand Out will keep me goin at my Labors untill Supper Time but i Hope i get a littel Reel Nourishmint then and dont need to wate till the Battel with the Provishuns Tomorro.

Paw sez it takes the Wimmen 3 Days to get reddy for a Picnick and the Men 3 Weeks to get over one, becauze everie Man that ever went to a Picnick had to get Kinda Cute and pertend he wuz a Boy agen, and Frisk around like a Yung Caff in a Clover Field. but Paw sez when these Guys trys to get out of Bed the Next Morning they think their as Old as Methuzella. Paw sez he Swears he wont Try aney Base Ball stuff Tomorro even if he gets a Chance to Pitch. he sez the Worst Boob of the Gang at a Picnick is the one that Gets all Swelled up and sez sure when they ast him to Pitch, and the Fella thinks becauze he is good at Crockay or Pitchen Horse Shoes that he is a Regular Strike Out King and he Steps up to the Box with his Chest out Like Bellboa when he first stood up on a Hill and seen the Mrs. Sippy River. and Paw sez when this Bird wakes up the Next

Morning he thinks he is another Caracter in History but this Time he thinks he is the Fella that Jumped off the Brooklin Bridge but made a Rotten Job of it.

And Paw sez he bets the News has gone far and Wide at Fernwood amung all the Muskeetas that the Jenkes and a Thousind other Brave Souls will be on Hand Tomorro to do Batel with them. Paw sez he jest bets them Muskeetas Mobolized 2 Weeks ago and bin Runnin Trainen Camps that has put them in A 1 Shape for the big Battel Tomorro, and he sez the Muskeetas will be the First to Draw Blood and the Last to leave the Field. Yessir, he sez he bets old General Bitchard has got his Men in Grate Shape and Tomorro will be History Repeating itself with the Slawter of the Innocints agen.

The best way to be sure of a good Time Tomorro Paw sez wud be to go down Town and do sumthing reel mean so the Uprite Citizens of the Town wud Tar and Feather you. then Paw sez you cud jest let it on and go to the Picnick and yude have the best time of Aneybuddy in the Place, but Paw is onlie foolin which is the way he does and he shudent ott to be took 2 Sereous.

THE NEXT DAY

Well i wuz to a Picnick Yesturday and had a swell Time even if i did Sprane my Rist and lose my Hat and cut my Finger and have severil Misforchunate Accidents.

Paws Club had a Picnick down at Fernwood and most Everybuddy in Town went and a very Injoyabel Time wuz had by all which is what Picnicks is for. Skinney and me won the 3 Legged Race for Boys and i wuda won the Bag Race onlie i tripped on a Stone and on ackount of havin hold of the Bag i fell on my Face and Skint my Noze pertty Bad and Everbuddy jest laffed like it wuz a Swell Joke which is the way People is when Sumbuddy else is Hurt and they aint. but Skinney and me got a Swell Nife a peace for winnin the 3 legged Race so what do i care for a littel Skin off my Noze which will grow on agen, i mean the Skin not my Noze which is on now.

Red pushed me on the big Swing over by the Pump and i tride to go up till i cud touch a Lim but onct he diddent push me Strate and i fell off and thats how i Spraned my Rist, and then i cut my Finger with my New Nife which is pertty Sharp and slipped when i wuz cutten a Cane in the Woods.

We had the Swellest Eats you ever Seen and i et 7 diffrent kinds of Cake and all of them good onlie the last 2 or 3 kinds diddent taste quite as good as the First and their wuz every kind of Eats Immaginabel and its a Pity when a Fella got a Chanct like that he cant eat more and gets filled

up so quick aint it so. But thats what Picnicks is for so Everybuddy can go out and get Fresh air and also see how much they can Eat.

Paw sez a Picnick is Sumthing you look forward to and smack yure Lips for a Cappel of Weaks and after its over you look Backwards and groan a Cappel of Months. he sez he is satisfied now that he will pull thru after Yesturdays Xperience but he will never be the same Man. he sez he is sun-burned till he looks like a Red Crab Appel and feels like a Boilt Lobster and he et so maney of them Purpel Eggs thats soaked in Beat Juice that he feels Picked hisself. he sez frum Playin Ball and tryen to Act Yung and Kittenish he is so Sore he ott to be sleepin on a Air Cushion and his Rite arm is Paralyzed from the Rist up. He lost the Fob off his Watch with the Swell Charm on it and aint got aney Skin on his Noze from bein Sun Burnt and he sez he feels like the end of a Hard Winter and it will be a Month before he can take his Place in the World of Usefulness agen.

But Paw sez Nobuddy is had a good Time at a Picnick unless they lost Sumthing and Broke Sumthing and threw there Stummick out of Order and con Tracted Poizen Ivy and fell off a Swing or Two. Paw sez i feal like the Reck of the Hesperus so i kno i had a grate Time, the only thing is that a littel more of that kind of Injoymint wud prove Fatel.

LOST LUCK

Yesturday wuz my Unluckie Day and i wuz verie Misforchunate on ackount of fallin off my Stilts and gettin my Elbo Skint and ketchin my Finger in a Mouse Trap and also Loosin my Watch which wuz a swell Ingersoll and onlie lost one Hour frum Breckfast time till Supper if you did-dent ferget to wind it at Dinner Time.

It all cum about on ackount of me loosin my Luckie Stone on Satterday when i wuz down Swimmin, and you can Talk as you Pleeze about if there is such a thing as Luck or if there aint, but if a Fella got a Luckie Stone or a Luckie Coin and looses it he mite as well look out becauze his Luck is goin to be rotten, which mine is.

It wuz Skinneys falt two that i fell off my Stilts and it wuz about haff his Falt of loosin the Luckie Stone. I wuz down to Jacksuns to get sum Jar Gums for Maw who is puttin up Peaches which i like First Trate and she makes swell Pies out of them onlie she duzzent give me a Peace big enuff. and when i wuz cummin up the Street by Mill-woods walkin on my Stilts Skinney hollered and i looked around and lost my Balince and had to Step Down, and he sez i wuz a Rotten Stilts Walker and i sez i wuz the best in Town and he sez he bet i cuddent walk over a Place if it wuz Greezy and i sez i bet i cud, and he had 2 Pounds of Lard he wuz takin Home frum the Store and he Tore the end off the Paper and Took out a Hunk with a Stick and then he Smoothd it over so his Maw cuddent tell. then he Greezed the Bricks for a long Peace

and he sez he bet i cuddent Walk over them slow and takin littel Short Steps and i started to and wuz goin along Swell and he hollered look out whoze behind you and i turned around Quick on ackount of thinken it wuz Shanty Bill or Sumbuddy i wuz Callin Names or doin Sumthing to and Good Nite the Stilts Skipt and i went kerplunk and skint my Arm all up and Skinney jest Stood their and laffed and i wuz goin to bust him in the Eye but he sez he diddent mean it and i cud take it out of his Hide so i Pinched him 5 Times and give him the Dry Dutch Rub and left it go at that but he duzzent want to try it agen.

Mebbie you dont kno what the Dry Dutch Rub is, which Maw diddent one Day. well, its when you hold a Kid down and you take yure Nuckels and Rub them Hard and Dig them in his Head, and it hurts Turribel and makes the Kid holler Murder and its Fun to do it but verie Mizzerabel if yure the one its did to.

THE FIGHT WITH SKINNEY

Well i wuz in a Fite Yesturday and Sumbuddy got licked but the Sumbuddy wuzzent me. the Sumbuddy wuz Skinney and he sez i diddent Fite Fare but i did two.

It all cum about this Hear way. Skinney is got the idee that he is the onlie Pebble on the Beech with Soffie Wingate and the troo Facks about the matter is she thinks im perty neer the onlie Pebble espechully since i wuz away and sent her sum nice Post Cards and espechully one that had a lot of Gold stuff on it and Cost 5 Cents without aney Stamp on it. so Soffie kinda got a Case on me if i do got to say it Myself and Skinney sez the onlie Reazon she ast me to her Party a cuppel of Weeks ago wuz becauze our Maws wuz frends and i wuddent a bin their if Soffie jest ast the Peepel she wanted, and i sez i wuz the First one that got a Invitashun and they wuddent a had the Party if i cuddent a gone, and i sez i diddent see how Skinney ever got their a tall and i bet he jest went on his Nerve and diddent get aney Invitashun a tall.

Well 1 Word Brung on 2 or 3 and perty soon he sez i wuz Sumthing which i wont Rite down but it starts with a L and i sez he wuz another. of coorse i diddent say The Word which aint verie Nice to say like Dam and sum of them other Words, so insted of sayin he wuz it i jest sez yure Another and then Red put a Chip on his Sholder and sez i wuz afrade to Nock it off and i sez ile show you and nocked it and Skinney pushed me

and i Punched him becauze i wuddent let aney-buddy Push me wud you.

Well i had him Down and wuz jest showin him who wuz afrade when Mister Bates cum along and Seperatid us and its a good thing he did or Skinney wuddent a gone to aney more Partys for a wile if he wuz invited or if he wuzzent, and of coorse he bloodyed my Noze a little on ackount of it Bleedin easie and he tore my Pants and also my Waste becauze he is a Cat Fiter and fites most with his Finger Nales and then he had the Nerve to say he licked me but Aneybuddy that seen the Fite knows who Licked.

Sumbuddy told Mary Ellen and she told Maw and Paw and i got a Scoldin and pertty near a Licken but diddent, and Mary Ellen also found out how the Fite started and after Paw got over his mad he started to tease me about it and sez so the Young Gentelmin is gettin an Earlie Start is he, and we got to watch him now or he will be startin to part his Hare in the Middel and i gess we better get him a Pare of White Pants on his Birthday so he can splash around to see the Ladys onct in a wile, and thats the way Paw kidded me but Maw sez it wuz Disgracefull and ile get Hung yet, but wate till i get a chance to get even with Mary Ellen.

AN ACCIDENT

Well i got a Spraned Arm now and cant Pitch for the Yung Red Socks or go Swimmen or aneything and my Arm is in a Sling which is kinda nice becauze Everybuddy sez whats the matter and fusses around and gives you things and everything, but jest the same i wish it wuz unspraned.

It all cum about frum bein the Cheef Ackter in a Show we wuz goin to give up in Harveys Hay Mow and i wuz to be the Mane Guy on the Trapeez, but their wont be aney Show now, or else if they do have it why it wont amount to much.

I wuz suppozed to Hang on the Trapeez by my Toze with my Head hangin down, and i cud do it Swell with my Shoze on but when we wuz Practising i wuz in my Bear Feet and they diddent Hold good like the Shoze. when they slipped off i put my Arm down Quick and pertty near Busted it and i gess wud of onlie im kinda Tuff from Pitchen and Swimmin and all like that.

Harvey and Red helped me down the Steps, of coorse i diddent need my Sore Arm to Walk with but it Hurt so Bad it made me kinda Sick at my Stummick and then i thot for sure it wuz Busted becauze Red kep Sayin sure its Broke and it looks to me like it wuz Broke in 2 or 3 Places and i wuz afrade it wuz Broke so bad mebbie it wud fall off or Sumthing. so they Brung me on home and Maw wuz skared and so wuz Mary Ellen and Aunt Aggie and they got Dock Reed to cum up and he Pulled it and Twisted it jest like it wuz a Pump Handel or Sumthing and not a sore Arm and then

when i wuz pertty near Killed he sez no i gess its jest a Sprane, and he put stuff on it and Rapped it up but it wuz Swelled to Beet the Band.

And then when Maw found out it wuzzent Broke she started in to Skold me jest like i fell off the Trapeez a Purpose, and when Paw cum Home he sez its a grate Wunder you aint broke yure Neck in 3 or 4 Places long before this, but Paw sez i wuz Born to be Hung and their aint much Danger of aneything Happenin to me. He sez if the good Die Yung ile have a Year or 2 on Mathoozela. you know he wuz the Old Fella in the Bible that lived a Millyun Years and his Whiskers wuz so long he Tramped on them when he Walked, and i bet he cuddent Clime a Tree verie Good becauze he wud get all Tangled up in them, but i gess when you get that old you Dont bother Climen Trees becauze if you did clime up and get a Appel or sumthing you cuddent eat it on ackount of not havin aney Teeth or aneything.

THE GLOOM CLOUD

Well hear it is onlie 3 Weeks till School starts and i got to be draggin Books around and stayin in to study and stayin after School becauze i mist my Rithmatick or Histrey or sumthing and a Fella mite as well be a Slave or sumthing aint it so.

Paw sez last Nite at the Supper Tabel he sez now Yung Man you got to have Sereous Ideecas this Term and begin to take a Interest in yure Work, becauze yure gettin to that Age whear School means sumthing else besides Shootin Paper Wads and eatin Appels behind yure Geograffy. he sez we will Xpect more of you this Year and i want you to be gettin reddy to Tackel the Term and do sum good hard Work.

That sounds offle bad duzzent it. i gess ile have a swell Time this Year and before the End of the Term i gess ile be havin Nervis Prosecution or sumthing frum Over Work.

Miss Tinkle wuz away pertty near all Summer visiten Sum place and she got back the other Day and she cum up to see Maw and she sez Samuel is a fine Boy and got Abilitty and all he needs is a littel more Applicashun. i aint jest sure about that Applicashun but i kno ide like to have a littel more Vakashun.

And then Miss Tinkle went on to talk about her Childrun and how nice She and the Childrun Work together but she diddent say anyething about Crackin Guys over the Bean with Rulers and takin there Jack Nifes frum them and never given them back. yude think she wuz always passin Cookeys

around and letten the Fellas play Marbels on the Floor the nice way she Talked, but i give Maw the rite Dope after she went Home. when she wuz goin down the steps she sez Good By Samuel and we must look Forward to a Pleazint Term, and i sez Yessum but ide like to Hollered down the Steps i wisht you wuda got lost on yure Vakashun and stayed lost, but no Danger. a Fella can easy loose a Nickel or a new Base Ball or sumthing he wants but i never herd yet about a Teacher gettin lost.


But like Paw sez if it aint one thing its 2 or 3, and if a Fella diddent haff to go to School i gess their wud be sum other Misforchunate thing he wud haff to do every Day, so whats the Difference.

A SOCIAL OUTCAST

Mary Ellen had a kinda Party or Ice Cream Frolick which is what Paw calls them up to our House last Nite and she had a lots of Smartys their which the Girls amung them wuz jest like Mary Ellen, always tryen to be Classie and talk about thereselfs, and the Fellas wuz a good bit like White Pants who the rite name of is Elmer and is Mary Ellens Fella, and he wuddent be running around and Bringen her Candy and Flours jest like she wuz Dead or sumthing if he knew her like i do.

And jest about the Time Everybuddy got their Mary Ellen started Yammerin to Maw about it wuz Time for Samuel to go to Bed which the Samuel she wuz talkin about wuz me, but me did-dent go. Mebbie i aint as old as Mary Ellen who is twenty 2 and trys to make beleave she aint near that much, but she got Gay with me one Time and i told White Pants and she chased me every Time she seen me for 2 or 3 Days but Girls cant run or thro a Ball strate or aneything, and Mary Ellen cuddent ketch even a Common Runner so what chance wud she have to ever ketch me.

But like i started out to say, mebbie in aint as cld as Mary Ellen or quite as Tall but i got jest as much Sense and do as much Work around the House and a good bit more and what Bizness have i got goin to Bed jest becauze her Sewin Club is at our House which dont Sew a tall but jest Talk a Mile a Minnet and tell what they herd about Everybuddy and all about there Fellas and Everything like that their. so Paw looked at his Watch and



then he Clicked the lid shut on it and sez i gess Stub is abel to take care of Hissself amidst this littel Dog Fite and its pertty Hot upstares aneyhow, so i gess Sis you can run along and Stub will jest stick along the Sidelines and not Bother Aney-buddy and Mary Ellen stamped her Foot and went in the House but i staid all rite which shows what a Reguler Guy Paw is.

And then when the Eats wuz served which wuz one of the Reazons i staid up why Mary Ellen wanted Maw to keep me in the Kitchin but my Face wuz jest as cleen as Mary Ellens and i went rite in the Parler and when one of Mary Ellens Friends who helpt her Pass around the things sez wont you have sum more Ice Cream to me i sez sure and she give me another big Dish and i seen Mary Ellen lookin Vishus at me but i pertended i diddent even see her.





